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PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) reorganized its area offices into four regions in October, 2010. The new alignment of regions and area offices is presented in the following table.

DCF REGIONAL OFFICES	DCF AREA OFFICES
Western	Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield, Van Wart, Worcester East, Worcester West, South Central, North Central
Northern	Lowell, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Cambridge, Malden, Cape Ann, Lynn
Southern	Arlington, Coastal, Cape Cod, Plymouth, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

- This report has been reorganized and incorporates the new regional configuration. Figures with bar graphs depicting quarterly trends contain only two bars for this quarter; additional bars will be added in successive quarters.

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, DCF had 22,041 open cases (1,786 adoption cases and 20,255 clinical cases) and 71,703 open consumers¹ (34,591 adults and 37,112 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, both case counts and consumer counts changed less than 1%. It remains to be seen if this stabilization is temporary or the start of a new trend. The consumer count has dropped significantly since a peak of 88,568 was reached at the end of June 2009 (**Fig. 1** on page 4 and **Appendix Table A1** on page 64). In the past, the consumer population typically dropped in the summer quarter (Q1) then rose and leveled off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This quarterly pattern coincided with changes in DCF responses (investigations and initial assessments) to abuse and neglect.
- Since 1992, the number of adult consumers has been gradually increasing and approaching the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there has been a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decreased number of children in placement has coincided with a rise in the number of children receiving services while remaining at home.

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,417 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011. Included in this count are 7,847 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,570 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 36% in the Western Region, 25% in the Southern Region, 23% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, the number of children in placement declined 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64, **Fig. 14** on page 24). In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in 1st and 4th quarters while increases were more common in the 3rd quarter.

B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, there were 29,265 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, counts of children not in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 24, **Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation).

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2011,
End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	656	380	429	169	150	2	1,786
Clinical	7,419	4,788	5,496	2,463	5	84	20,255
Total	8,075	5,168	5,925	2,632	155	86	22,041
Consumer Counts:							
Adults: ⁽³⁾							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	431	444	378	228	---	45	1,526
Other ⁽⁶⁾	4	4	3	6	---	20	37
On the Run	---	2	5	---	---	---	7
Total in Placement	435	450	386	234	---	65	1,570
Not in Placement	12,700	7,407	9,179	3,731	---	4	33,021
Total Adults	13,135	7,857	9,565	3,965	---	69	34,591
Children:							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,862	1,654	1,908	813	262	22	7,521
Other ⁽⁶⁾	54	61	35	29	1	11	191
On the Run	53	34	21	26	---	1	135
Total in Placement	2,969	1,749	1,964	868	263	34	7,847
Not in Placement	11,652	6,693	7,551	3,359	7	3	29,265
Total Children	14,621	8,442	9,515	4,227	270	37	37,112
Total	27,756	16,299	19,080	8,192	270	106	71,703

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

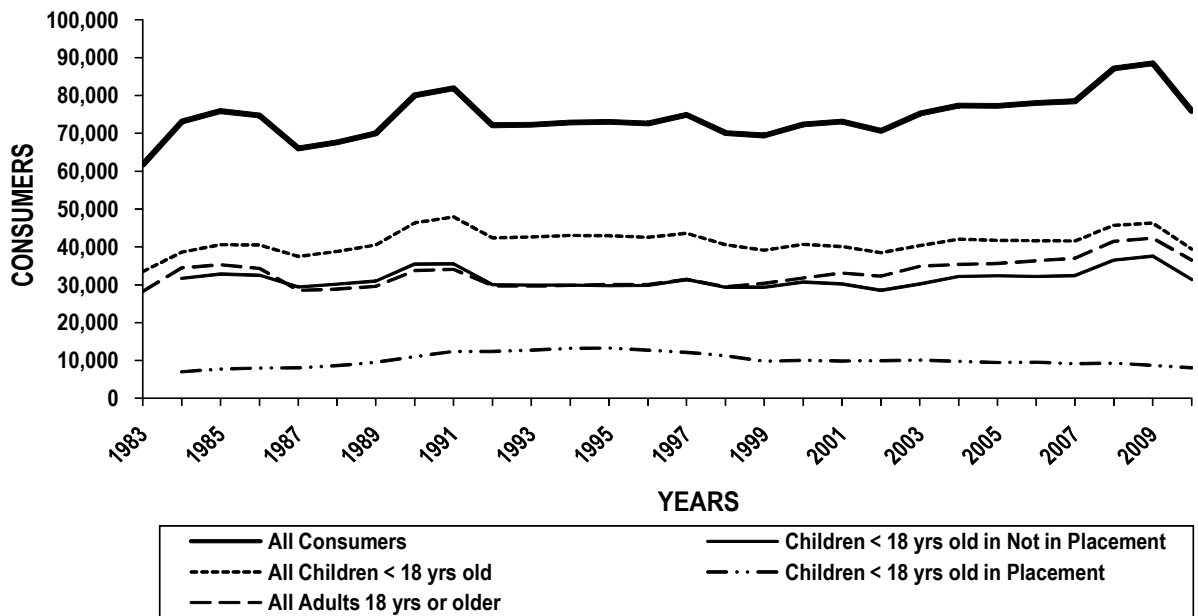
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Developmental Services (DDS) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

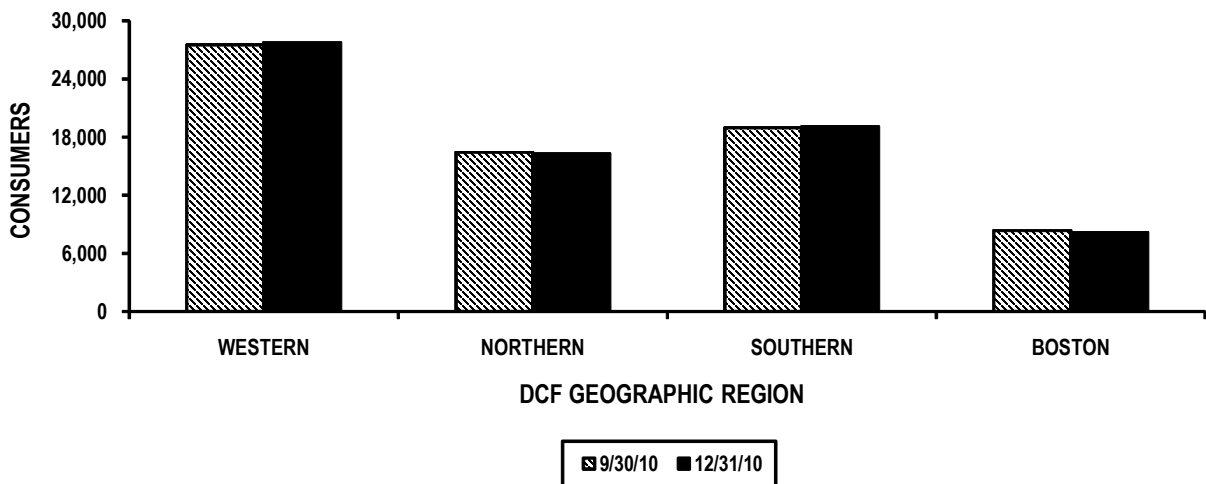
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2010**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, there were 2,422 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,048 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, case openings increased 10% and consumer openings rose 12%. (**Fig. 4** on page 7)
- Eighty-three percent of case openings and 85% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 5% of case openings and 4% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case openings and 7% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 80-86% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-7% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-6% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 65% in Taunton/Attleboro to 93% in Worcester West (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 65-66).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1st quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect.

² Case openings are counted when a case opens for services and has a comprehensive assessment or service plan. Cases open pending completion of an investigation or initial assessment are not included. Consumer openings are counted when a consumer opens in a case that is open for services.

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	753	86%	35	4%	29	3%	16	2%	47	5%	880
Northern	498	83%	27	4%	32	5%	17	3%	28	5%	602
Southern	544	80%	50	7%	42	6%	16	2%	30	4%	682
Boston	211	84%	16	6%	10	4%	4	2%	10	4%	251
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	2,006	83%	128	5%	120	5%	53	2%	115	5%	2,422

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	4,993	89%	255	5%	147	3%	118	2%	102	2%	5,615
Northern	3,030	85%	213	6%	147	4%	93	3%	77	2%	3,560
Southern	3,416	81%	401	10%	228	5%	118	3%	58	1%	4,221
Boston	1,424	87%	119	7%	42	3%	38	2%	22	1%	1,645
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	12,863	85%	988	7%	571	4%	367	2%	259	2%	15,048

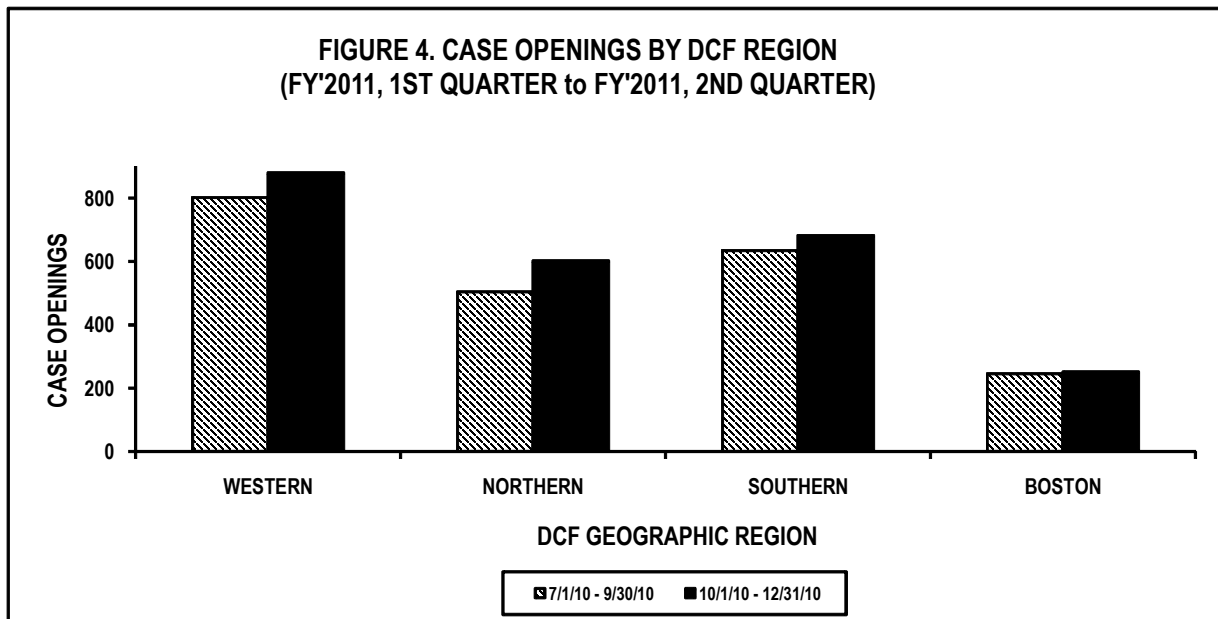
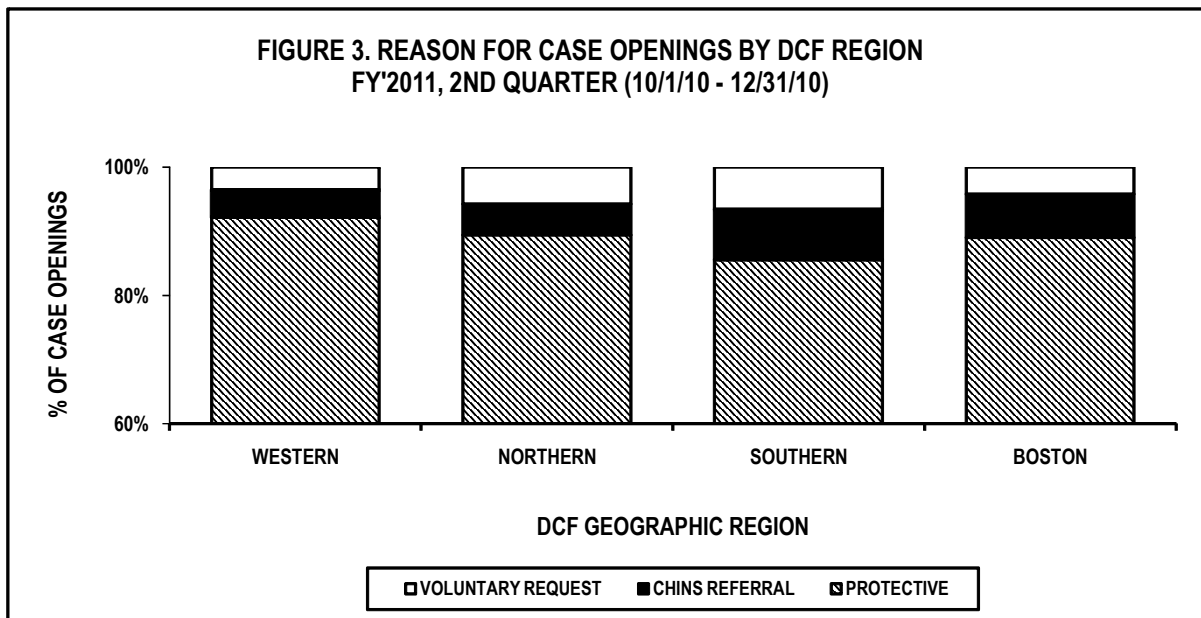
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III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An initial assessment response provides an alternative to an investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of the allegation(s). The initial assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect.

A. Reports

- Statewide, 20,174 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY’2011. Thirty-seven percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 20% were screened-in for initial assessment. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 28% in the North to 39% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 46% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response ranged from 18% in the South to 24% in the North. Judge Baker screened-in 16% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- New Bedford, Worcester East, Worcester West, and Brockton Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (47-50%). Cape Ann and Malden Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (34-36%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 67)
- Cape Ann, Framingham, and Arlington Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (9-14%). Pittsfield and Brockton Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (11-13%). (**Appendix Table A4**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports increased 9% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY’2011. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4).

B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 67% and 33% (South); 65% and 35% (Boston); 62% and 38% (West); 53% and 47% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4** on next page)

Initial Assessments

- There were 3,421 initial assessments completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 44% of initial assessments and “low or no concern” for 56%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4, Fig. 6**)
- Framingham, Greenfield, Cape Ann, and Van Wart Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (27-45%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 68)

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011 was 6,421 (**Table 4**).³ Of these investigations, 97 resulted from report(s) screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because during the initial assessment: (1) DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for a mandatory investigation response. Of the 97 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 62 and unsupported for 35.
- Fifty-nine percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 55% in Boston to a high of 60% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- New Bedford, Worcester West, Lowell, and Worcester East Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (45-55%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 6% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011.

³ The number of investigations and initial assessments is lower than the number of reports screened for investigation or initial assessment. This occurs because an investigation or initial assessment may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
			Non-Emergency		Emergency					S/I	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,622	44%	1,888	32%	217	4%	2,105	1,197	20%	5,924	29%
Northern	1,724	47%	953	26%	91	2%	1,044	898	24%	3,666	18%
Southern	1,679	45%	1,265	34%	124	3%	1,389	675	18%	3,743	19%
Boston	602	38%	541	35%	58	4%	599	367	23%	1,568	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,995	38%	1,421	27%	1,020	19%	2,441	814	16%	5,250	26%
Special Investigations	7	30%	16	70%	---	---	16	---	---	23	*
Total	8,629	43%	6,084	30%	1,510	7%	7,594	3,951	20%	20,174	100%

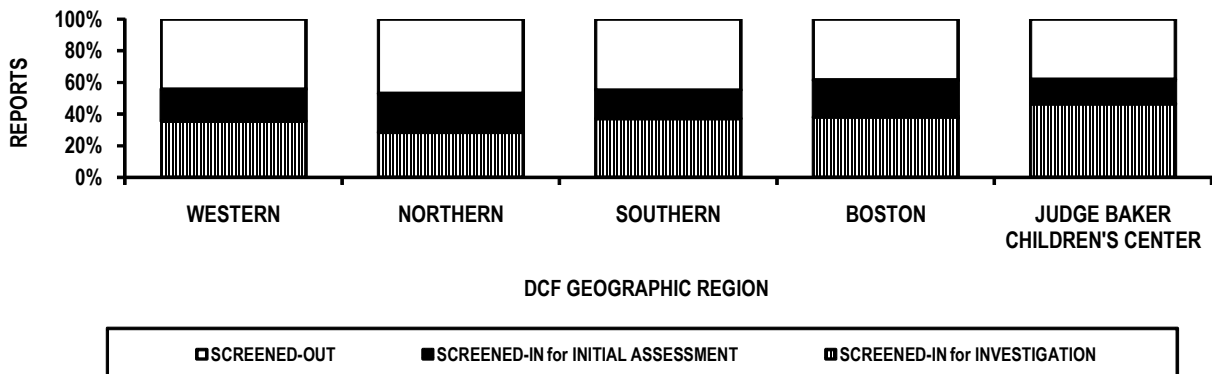
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TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

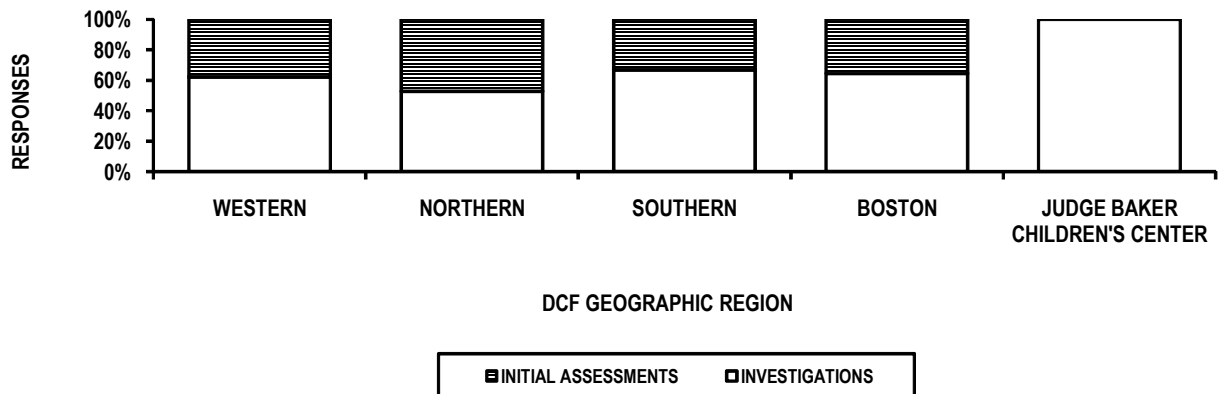
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Low/No Concern		IA Total	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	1,216	60%	811	40%	2,027	584	47%	651	53%	1,235	3,262	33%
Northern	685	59%	481	41%	1,166	442	42%	604	58%	1,046	2,212	22%
Southern	901	57%	680	43%	1,581	321	41%	461	59%	782	2,363	24%
Boston	357	55%	297	45%	654	142	40%	216	60%	358	1,012	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	572	74%	198	26%	770	---	---	---	---	---	770	8%
Special Investigations	49	22%	174	78%	223	---	---	---	---	---	223	2%
Total	3,780	59%	2,641	41%	6,421	1,489	44%	1,932	56%	3,421	9,842	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

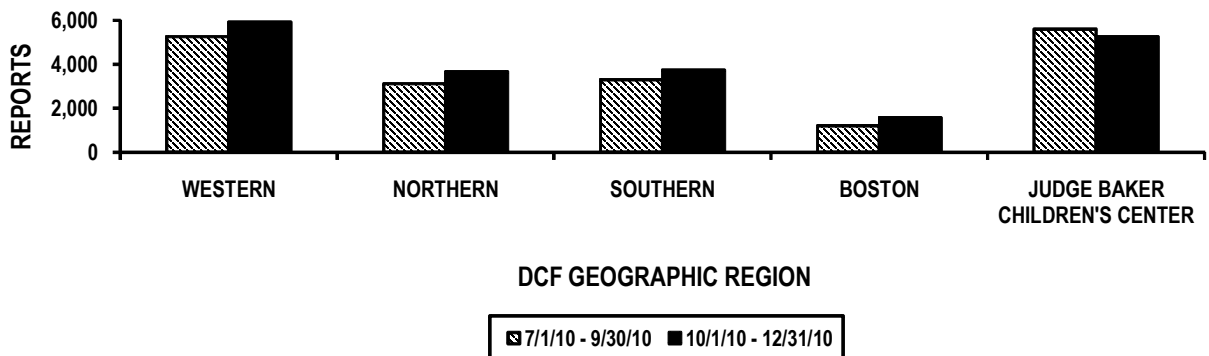
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**



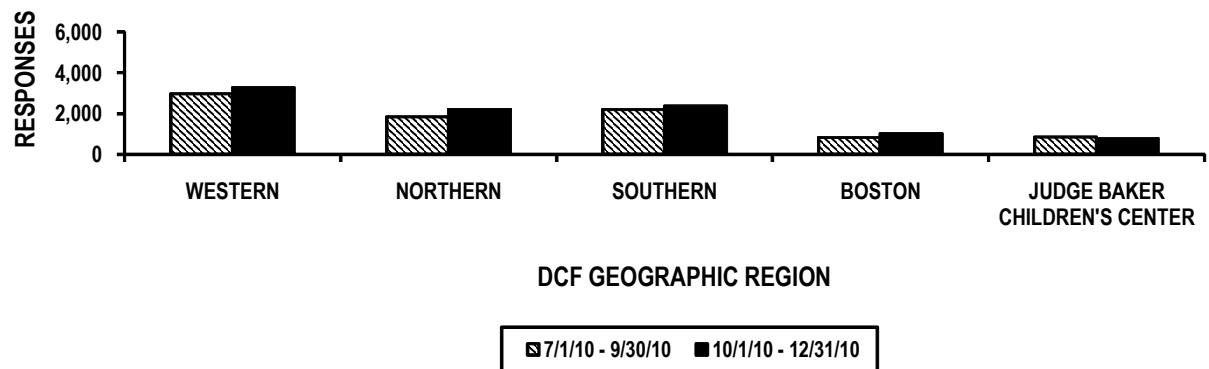
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2011 , 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER)**



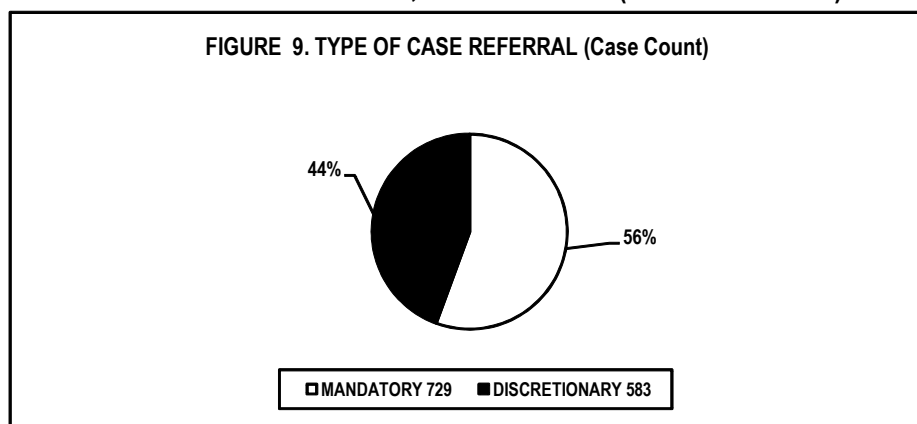
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER)**



C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

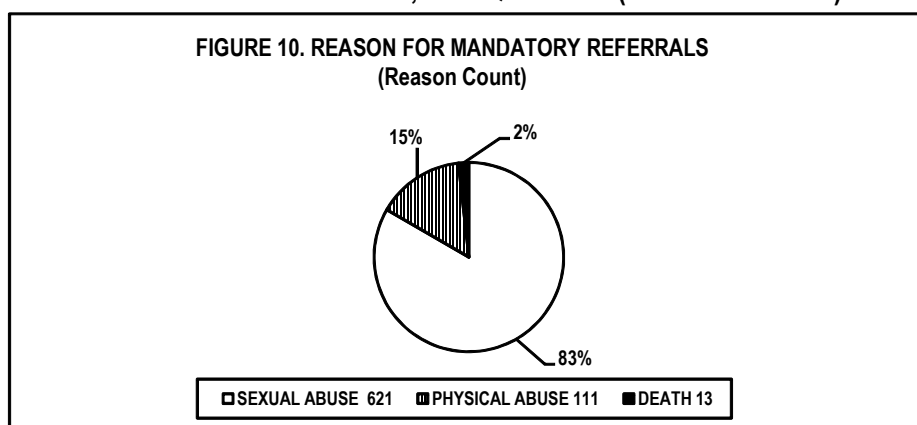
- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, 1,312 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-six percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 44% were discretionary referrals⁵ (**Fig. 9**). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past four fiscal years (See **Appendix Table A6** on page 69).

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- Sexual abuse accounted for 83% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Fifteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

⁴ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

⁵ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	621	83%
Sexual Assault	589	
Sexual Exploitation	32	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	111	15%
.....		
Death:	13	2%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	745	100%

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 83% over the past eight years (FY'2003 through FY'2010) (See **Appendix Table A7** on page 69).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**
- **Table 6** (on next page) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates⁶ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Berkshire and Hampden (encompassing the city of Springfield) Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 71% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 80% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

⁶ U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder, 2010 Census Tables, (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)

TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	105	43%	140	57%	245	172,089
Middlesex	84	35%	157	65%	241	320,439
Worcester	105	44%	136	56%	241	187,231
Suffolk	91	49%	96	51%	187	126,275
Hampden	52	51%	50	49%	102	109,885
Berkshire	25	35%	47	65%	72	25,624
Plymouth	44	70%	19	30%	63	119,475
Bristol	23	43%	31	57%	54	122,409
Norfolk	34	68%	16	32%	50	152,132
Franklin	2	10%	19	90%	21	14,068
Hampshire	6	46%	7	54%	13	26,766
Barnstable	7	70%	3	30%	10	37,249
Dukes	3	75%	1	25%	4	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	1	13%	7	88%	8	---
Total	583		729		1,312	

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	97	6	34	4	141
Middlesex	138	4	20	1	163
Worcester	112	3	23	1	139
Suffolk	77	4	12	3	96
Hampden	37	5	8	2	52
Berkshire	40	4	4	1	49
Bristol	26	3	2	---	31
Hampshire	7	1	---	---	8
Plymouth	13	---	6	1	20
Norfolk	13	1	2	---	16
Franklin	19	---	---	---	19
Barnstable	3	---	---	---	3
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	6	1	---	---	7
Total:	589	32	111	13	745

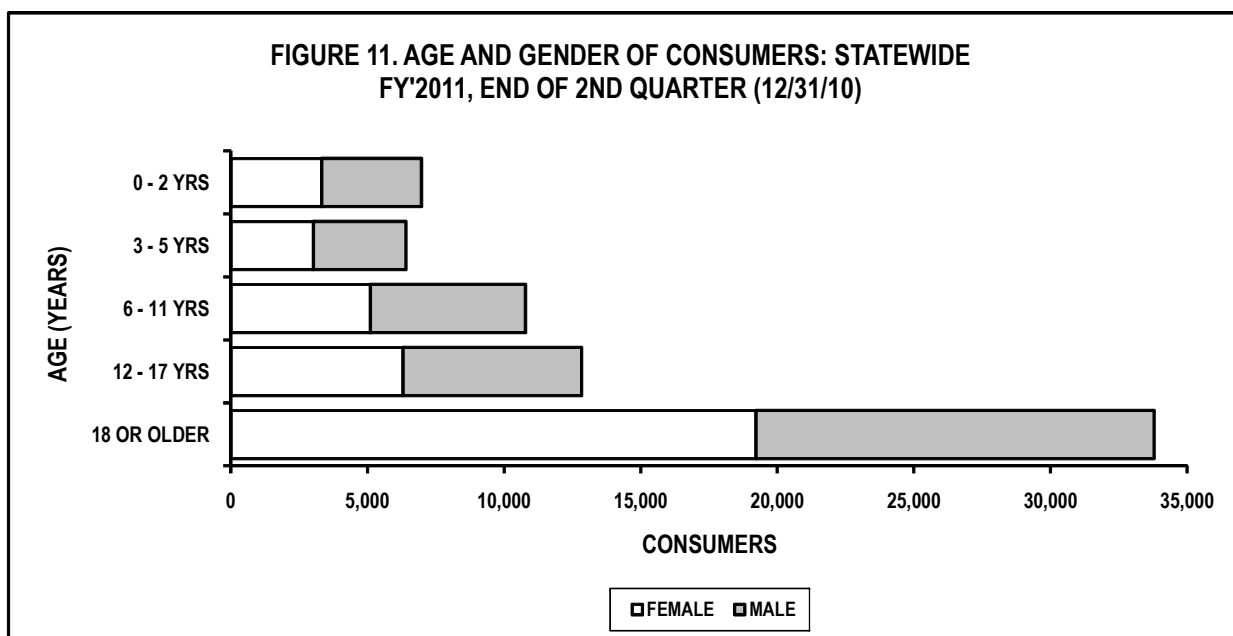
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⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, the consumer population included 37,112 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 34,591 (48%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (12,846) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



Age (Yrs)	Gender			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,334	3,645	33	7,012
3 - 5	3,030	3,381	11	6,422
6 - 11	5,106	5,683	24	10,813
12 - 17	6,305	6,529	12	12,846
18 or older	19,220	14,579	449	34,248
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	54	162	146	362
Total	37,049	33,979	675	71,703

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 343 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 19 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 675 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 45% White, 25% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 3% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. (**Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B** on page 18.)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 38% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,139, 2,529, and 1,293 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (27-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--5% of the caseload (754 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B**)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY’2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)

Race	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston									
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	12,132	44%	7,527	46%	11,094	58%	1,293	16%	89	33%	3	3%	32,138	45%		
Black	2,528	9%	1,647	10%	2,413	13%	3,139	38%	43	16%	37	35%	9,807	14%		
Asian	115	*	754	5%	206	1%	190	2%	4	1%	34	32%	1,303	2%		
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8,597	31%	4,386	27%	2,413	13%	2,529	31%	95	35%	31	29%	18,051	25%		
Native American	41	*	16	*	58	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	121	*		
Other ⁽⁴⁾	10	*	4	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	*		
Multi-Racial	628	2%	372	2%	629	3%	110	1%	24	9%	---	---	1,763	2%		
Unable to Determine	906	3%	475	3%	569	3%	348	4%	15	6%	1	1%	2,314	3%		
Missing	2,799	10%	1,118	7%	1,693	9%	577	7%	---	---	---	---	6,187	9%		
Total	27,756	100%	16,299	100%	19,080	100%	8,192	100%	270	100%	106	100%	71,703	100%		

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

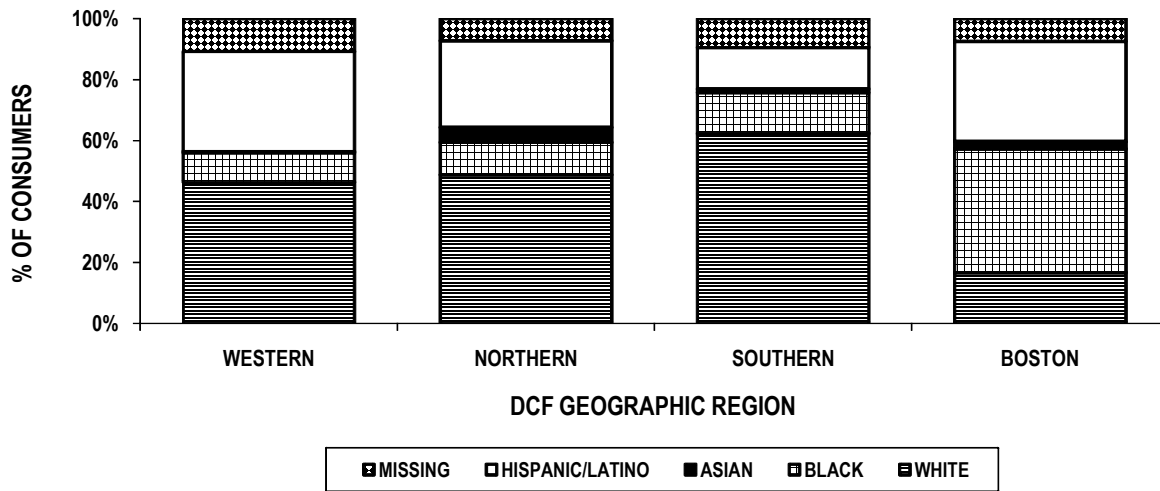
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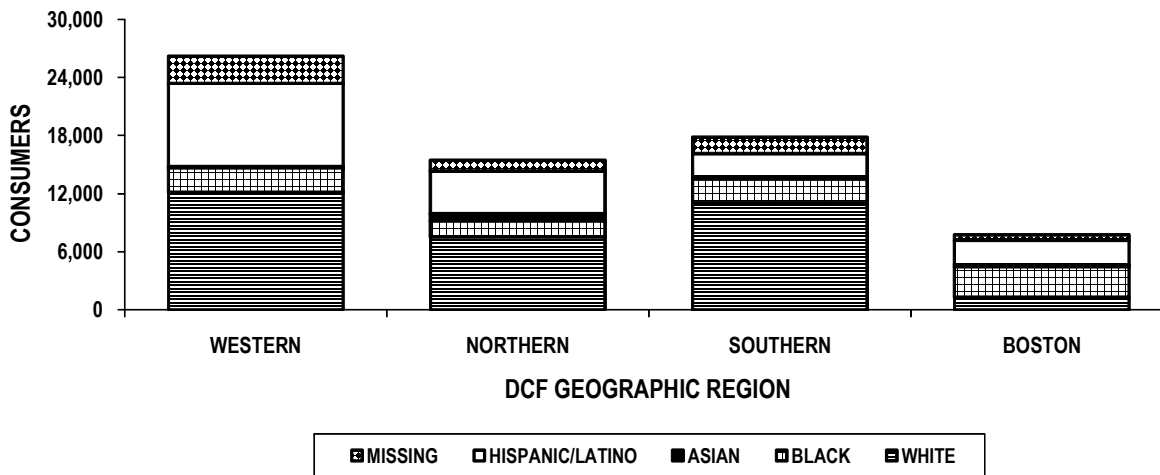
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts⁷ is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM DCF TO ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State	DCF	DCF	DCF	DCF	DCF	DCF	DCF	DCF
	Census	Not in	All	Foster	Congregate	All Care	All Care	Adoptions	Guardianships
	2010	Substitute	Substitute	Care	Care**	w/Goal	w/Goal	Legalized	Legalized
		Care	Care			of	of		
						Adoption	Guardianship		
		12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	FY'2010	FY'2010
White	67%	43%	46%	46%	48%	45%	48%	52%	57%
Hispanic***	15%	31%	27%	27%	25%	27%	25%	22%	19%
Black	7%	14%	16%	15%	19%	14%	16%	13%	16%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	7%	3%
Other/Unknown	1%	6%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	29,265	7,847	6,108	1,413	2,466	616	748	318

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies where DCF retains custody of the child.

** Congregate care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

*** Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 72 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 1,821 and 1,048 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 255 DCF consumers (<1% statewide). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (South and North), Haitian Creole (North), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston									
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,821	7%	1,048	6%	432	2%	831	10%	13	5%	26	25%	4,171	6%		
Haitian Creole	11	*	120	1%	66	0%	70	1%	---	---	1	1%	268	*		
Portuguese	12	*	92	1%	132	1%	22	*	1	*	---	---	259	*		
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	*	209	1%	30	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	255	*		
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	7	*	93	*	56	1%	---	---	---	---	158	*		
Vietnamese	27	*	14	*	7	*	50	1%	---	---	---	---	98	*		
Chinese	7	*	16	*	21	*	10	*	---	---	1	1%	55	*		
Lao	1	*	27	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	*		
American Sign Lang.	12	*	18	*	6	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	38	*		
Other	432	2%	222	1%	262	1%	121	1%	---	---	39	37%	1,076	2%		
English\Unspecified	25,427	92%	14,526	89%	18,030	94%	7,018	86%	256	95%	39	37%	65,296	91%		
Total	27,756	100%	16,299	100%	19,080	100%	8,192	100%	270	100%	106	100%	71,703	100%		

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table on next page)
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and December 2010, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table below). The most significant changes were declines in Khmer (Cambodian) (-28%), Vietnamese (-41%), and Portuguese speakers (-15%). The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 29. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 9%.

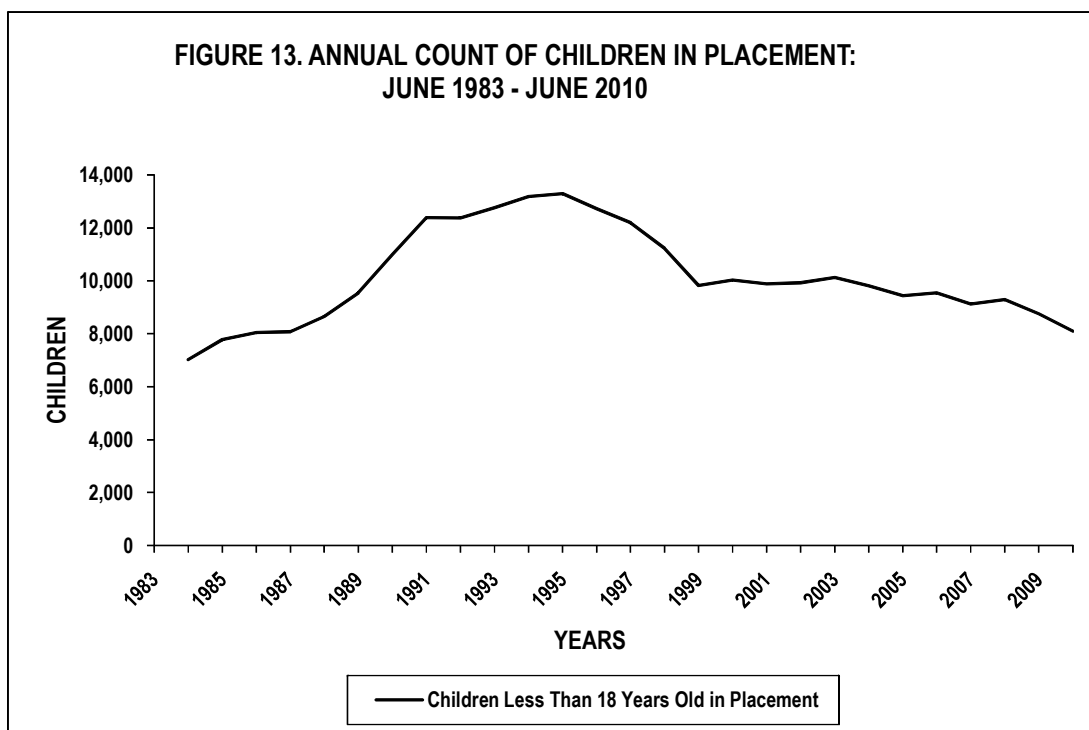
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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Dec. 2010 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	65,296	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,171	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	255	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	259	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	268	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	158	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	98	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	55	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	38	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	29	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,076	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	71,703	14%	5%

* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,847) decreased 1% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64, **Fig. 14** on page 24). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The placement population has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13, Appendix Table A1**)



- Statewide, 21% (or 7,847) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the South, 21% in the North, 21% in Boston, and 20% in the West. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, Greenfield, Dimock Street, and Lynn Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Cambridge, Springfield, and Harbor Area Offices. (**Table 11**)

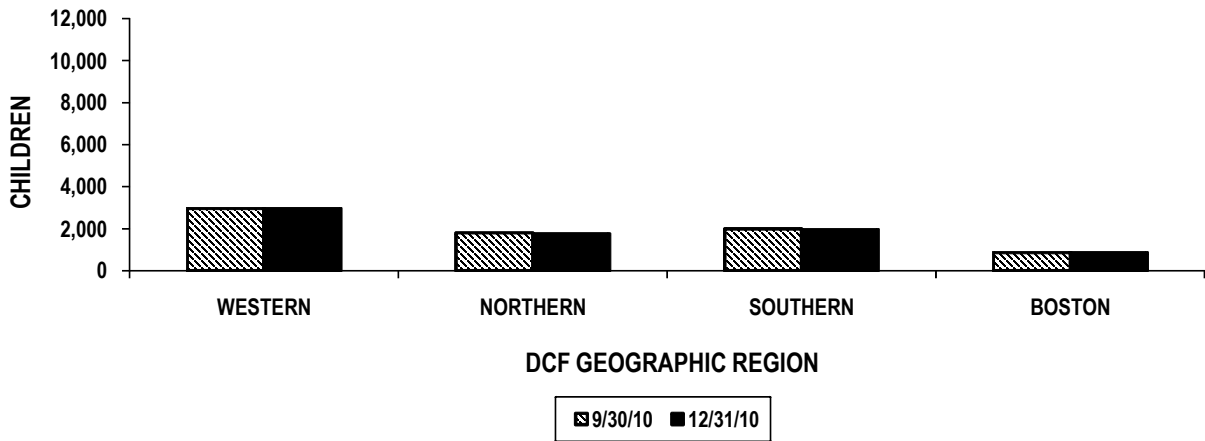
⁸Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF BY AREA OFFICE: FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)

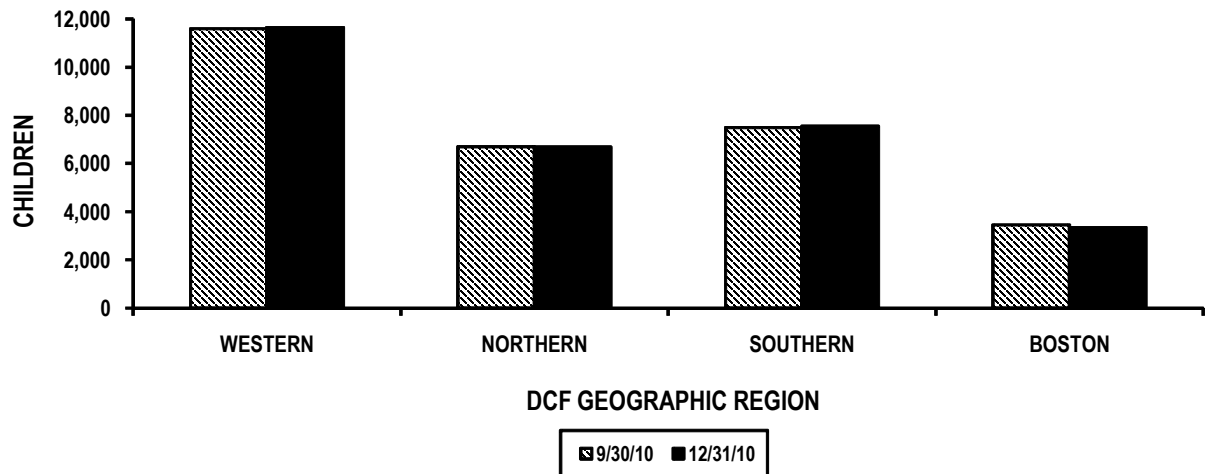
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	829	290	1,119	26%
Holyoke	1,281	343	1,624	21%
North Central	1,440	329	1,769	19%
Pittsfield	775	356	1,131	31%
Robert Van Wart	1,940	356	2,296	16%
South Central	882	247	1,129	22%
Springfield	2,009	420	2,429	17%
Worcester East	1,371	306	1,677	18%
Worcester West	1,112	314	1,426	22%
Contracted Agencies	13	8	21	38%
Western	11,652	2,969	14,621	20%
Cambridge	686	128	814	16%
Cape Ann	676	170	846	20%
Framingham	713	196	909	22%
Haverhill	647	171	818	21%
Lawrence	796	185	981	19%
Lowell	1,464	415	1,879	22%
Lynn	782	266	1,048	25%
Malden	918	216	1,134	19%
Contracted Agencies	11	2	13	15%
Northern	6,693	1,749	8,442	21%
Arlington	595	161	756	21%
Brockton	1,091	234	1,325	18%
Cape Cod	772	223	995	22%
Coastal	809	190	999	19%
Fall River	1,040	357	1,397	26%
New Bedford	1,492	391	1,883	21%
Plymouth	875	222	1,097	20%
Taunton/Attleboro	860	184	1,044	18%
Contracted Agencies	17	2	19	11%
Southern	7,551	1,964	9,515	21%
Dimock Street	606	216	822	26%
Harbor	1,077	223	1,300	17%
Hyde Park	687	191	878	22%
Park Street	985	235	1,220	19%
Contracted Agencies	4	3	7	43%
Boston	3,359	868	4,227	21%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	7	263	270	97%
Other ⁽³⁾	3	34	37	92%
Total	29,265	7,847	37,112	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'11, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'11, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.⁹
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 4% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

11 2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)														
Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Gender:														
Female	1,624	48%	1,052	48%	1,120	48%	562	51%	115	44%	32	32%	4,505	48%
Male	1,780	52%	1,147	52%	1,230	52%	540	49%	148	56%	67	68%	4,912	52%
Total	3,404	100%	2,199	100%	2,350	100%	1,102	100%	263	100%	99	100%	9,417	100%
Race:														
White	1,558	46%	1,073	49%	1,379	59%	196	18%	87	33%	1	1%	4,294	46%
Black	401	12%	245	11%	384	16%	528	48%	43	16%	34	34%	1,635	17%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,127	33%	620	28%	326	14%	278	25%	93	35%	30	30%	2,474	26%
Asian	19	1%	103	5%	16	1%	29	3%	4	2%	33	33%	204	2%
Native American	3	*	5	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	156	5%	88	4%	148	6%	28	3%	21	8%	---	---	441	5%
Unable to Determine	140	4%	62	3%	90	4%	43	4%	15	6%	1	1%	351	4%
Total	3,404	100%	2,199	100%	2,350	100%	1,102	100%	263	100%	99	100%	9,417	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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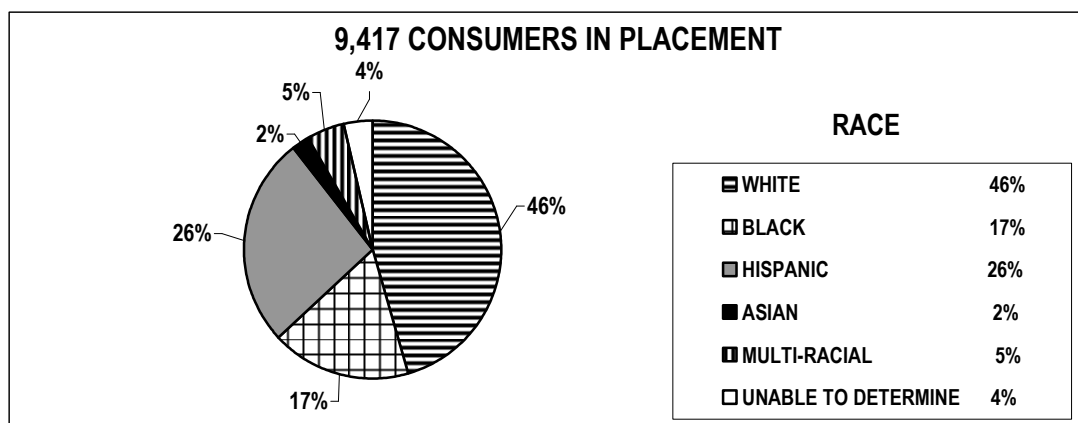
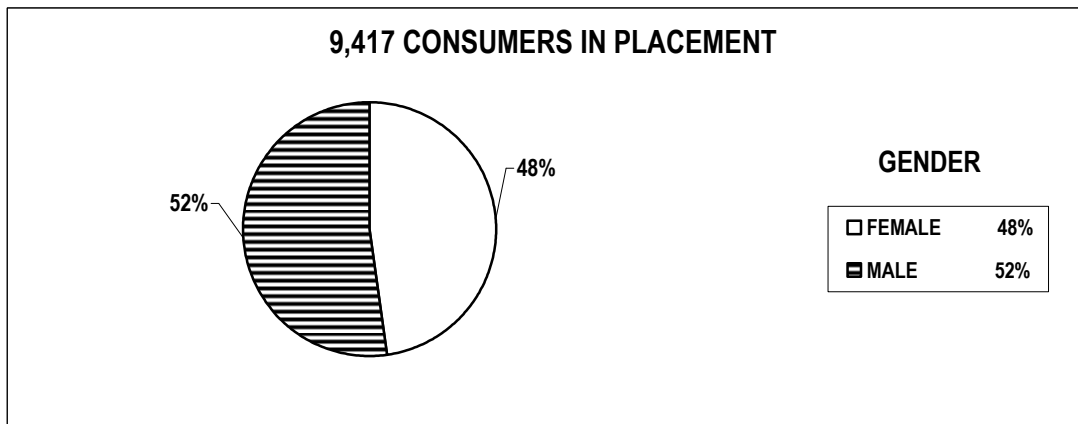
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⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁹ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2009). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates—Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC-EST2009-02-25.XLS)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE
STATEWIDE: FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 39% to 42%. (**Table 12B** on page 28)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 234 in the Boston Region to 450 in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and Time in Continuous Care

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (26%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁰ (APPLA) (20%). The North and West had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 29)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹¹ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 12/31/2010, 42% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years,¹² 19% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 39% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care¹³ for more than two years (44%). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (42%). (**Table 12B**)
- Table 13 displays the race of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (50% for Black vs. 41% for Hispanic, 40% for White, 38% for Multi-Racial, 38% for Asian). (**Table 13** on next page)
- Twenty-eight percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 33% for White and 31% for Hispanic consumers (**Table 14** on page 30). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—26% Black vs. 19% White and 20% Hispanic for APPLA; 22% Black vs. 26% White and 27% Hispanic for adoption.

¹⁰ The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

¹¹ The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹² Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹³ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2010).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age Group:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	524	15%	274	12%	358	15%	149	14%	38	14%	---	---	1,343	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	450	13%	195	9%	282	12%	96	9%	58	22%	1	1%	1,082	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	654	19%	358	16%	413	18%	158	14%	117	44%	5	5%	1,705	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,341	39%	922	42%	911	39%	465	42%	50	19%	28	28%	3,717	39%
18 or older	435	13%	450	20%	386	16%	234	21%	---	---	65	66%	1,570	17%
Total	3,404	100%	2,199	100%	2,350	100%	1,102	100%	263	100%	99	100%	9,417	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,168	34%	647	29%	805	34%	360	33%	2	1%	---	---	2,982	32%
Adoption	954	28%	505	23%	540	23%	223	20%	245	93%	---	---	2,467	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	529	16%	539	25%	437	19%	273	25%	---	---	69	70%	1,847	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	239	7%	211	10%	235	10%	91	8%	---	---	18	18%	794	8%
Guardianship	228	7%	147	7%	157	7%	93	8%	10	4%	---	---	635	7%
Stabilization of Family	196	6%	97	4%	118	5%	41	4%	3	1%	---	---	455	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	90	3%	53	2%	58	2%	21	2%	3	1%	12	12%	237	3%
Total	3,404	100%	2,199	100%	2,350	100%	1,102	100%	263	100%	99	100%	9,417	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	844	25%	471	21%	568	24%	218	20%	1	*	17	17%	2,119	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	590	17%	326	15%	407	17%	177	16%	20	8%	10	10%	1,530	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	353	10%	231	11%	241	10%	122	11%	27	10%	10	10%	984	10%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	318	9%	196	9%	227	10%	102	9%	14	5%	15	15%	872	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	711	21%	448	20%	463	20%	266	24%	136	52%	30	30%	2,054	22%
> 4 yrs	588	17%	527	24%	444	19%	217	20%	65	25%	17	17%	1,858	20%
Total	3,404	100%	2,199	100%	2,350	100%	1,102	100%	263	100%	99	100%	9,417	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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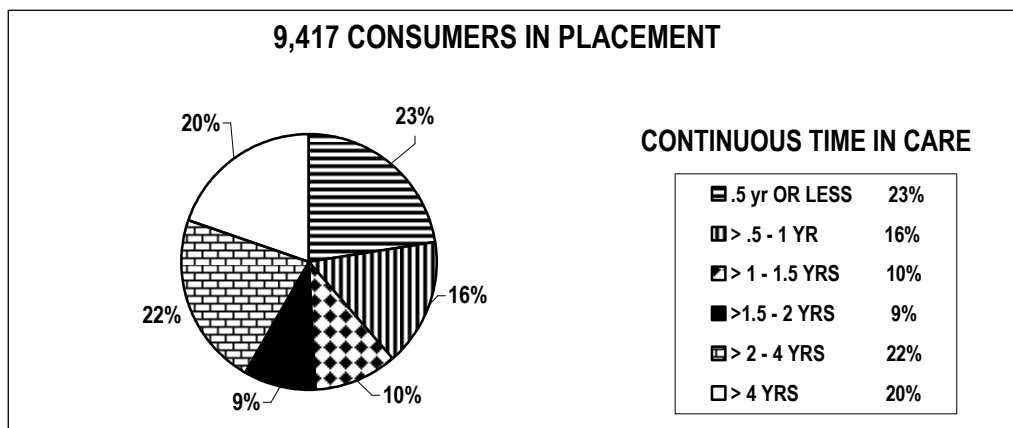
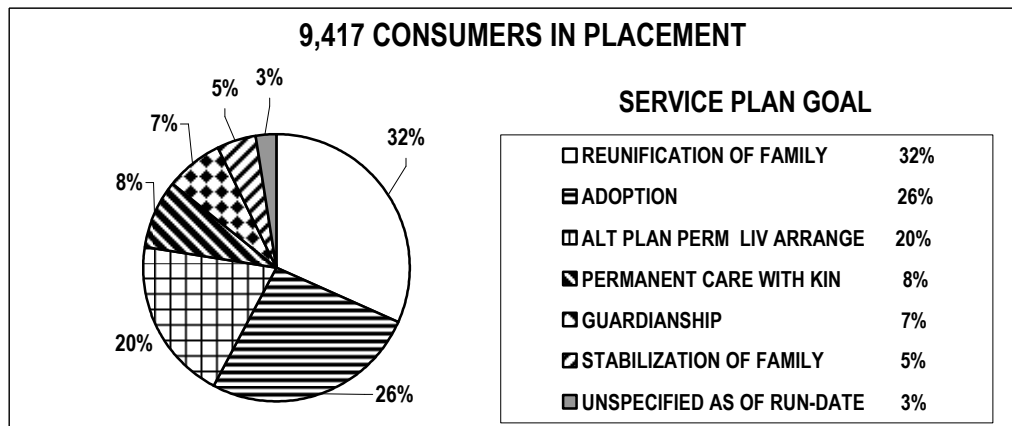
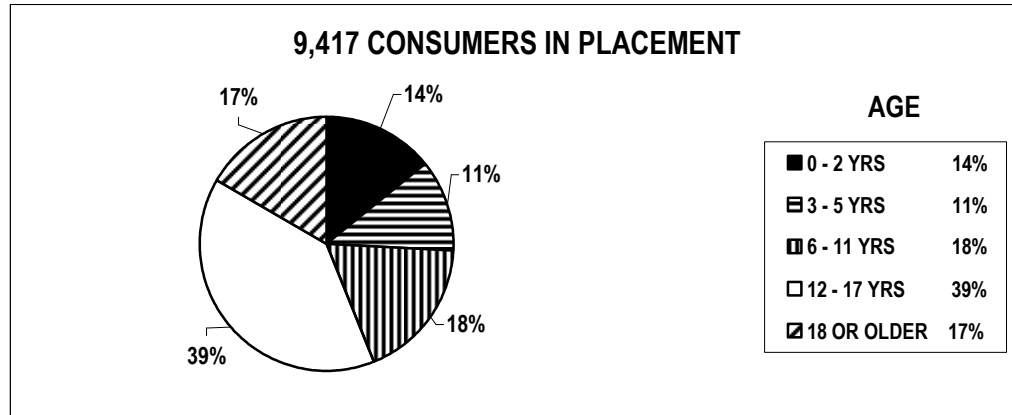
**TABLE 13. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Hispanic/ Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	996	23%	303	19%	579	23%	34	17%	5	33%	2	67%	98	22%	102	29%	2,119	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	725	17%	209	13%	393	16%	32	16%	4	27%	---	---	80	18%	87	25%	1,530	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	440	10%	162	10%	258	10%	27	13%	1	7%	---	---	54	12%	42	12%	984	10%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	415	10%	131	8%	218	9%	33	16%	2	13%	---	---	41	9%	32	9%	872	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	886	21%	430	26%	521	21%	53	26%	2	13%	---	---	110	25%	52	15%	2,054	22%
> 4 yrs	832	19%	400	24%	505	20%	25	12%	1	7%	1	33%	58	13%	36	10%	1,858	20%
Total	4,294	100%	1,635	100%	2,474	100%	204	100%	15	100%	3	100%	441	100%	351	100%	9,417	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Hispanic/ Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			
	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,396	33%	465	28%	765	31%	48	24%	6	40%	2	67%	149	34%	151	43%	2,982	32%
Adoption	1,109	26%	358	22%	669	27%	43	21%	4	27%	---	---	171	39%	113	32%	2,467	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	802	19%	423	26%	490	20%	65	32%	1	7%	---	---	43	10%	23	7%	1,847	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	359	8%	179	11%	183	7%	25	12%	3	20%	---	---	19	4%	26	7%	794	8%
Guardianship	304	7%	106	6%	160	6%	11	5%	1	7%	---	---	33	7%	20	6%	635	7%
Stabilization of Family	217	5%	68	4%	129	5%	8	4%	---	---	1	33%	21	5%	11	3%	455	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	107	2%	36	2%	78	3%	4	2%	---	---	---	---	5	1%	7	2%	237	3%
Total	4,294	100%	1,635	100%	2,474	100%	204	100%	15	100%	3	100%	441	100%	351	100%	9,417	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 2nd QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	588	20%	353	12%	563	19%	1,451	49%	27	1%	2,982	100%
Adoption	630	26%	590	24%	848	34%	398	16%	1	*	2,467	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	533	29%	1,314	71%	1,847	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	5	1%	40	5%	630	79%	118	15%	794	100%
Guardianship	36	6%	68	11%	180	28%	332	52%	19	3%	635	100%
Stabilization of Family	46	10%	42	9%	54	12%	260	57%	53	12%	455	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	42	18%	24	10%	20	8%	113	48%	38	16%	237	100%
Total	1,343	14%	1,082	11%	1,705	18%	3,717	39%	1,570	17%	9,417	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,399	47%	908	30%	295	10%	156	5%	178	6%	46	2%	2,982	100%
Adoption	90	4%	326	13%	366	15%	377	15%	877	36%	431	17%	2,467	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	102	6%	117	6%	135	7%	133	7%	539	29%	821	44%	1,847	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	25	3%	46	6%	51	6%	59	7%	221	28%	392	49%	794	100%
Guardianship	13	2%	84	13%	113	18%	118	19%	185	29%	122	19%	635	100%
Stabilization of Family	317	70%	38	8%	15	3%	19	4%	32	7%	34	7%	455	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	173	73%	11	5%	9	4%	10	4%	22	9%	12	5%	237	100%
Total	2,119	23%	1,530	16%	984	10%	872	9%	2,054	22%	1,858	20%	9,417	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to Time in Continuous Care

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011 (“snapshot” on 12/31/10), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹⁴ age was 11.2 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 18 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years). (See table below)

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
9/10	11.3	1.3	7,917
12/10	11.2	1.2	7,847

NOTE: Revised statistics as of 1/31/2011

¹⁴ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁵ is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Multi-Racial, and Unable to Determine. Median time in care for Black children was longer than median time in care for other minority children and White children. On 12/31/10, 47% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.2	1.2	3,599
Black	13.0	1.5	1,264
Hispanic/Latino	11.2	1.3	2,081
Asian	14.6	1.3	152
Native American	8.6	0.6	14
Pacific Islander	-----	-----	3
Multi-Racial	7.3	1.2	406
Unable to Determine	5.9	0.9	328
Total	11.2	1.2	7,847

¹⁵ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

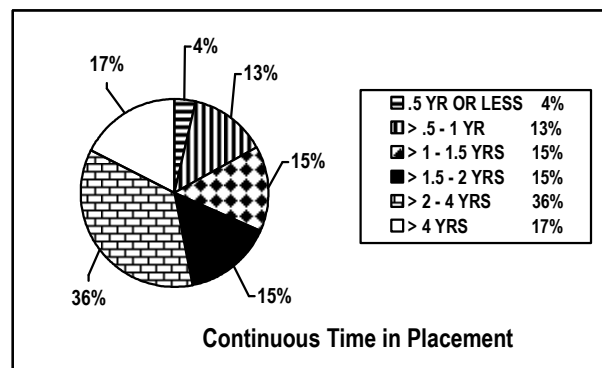
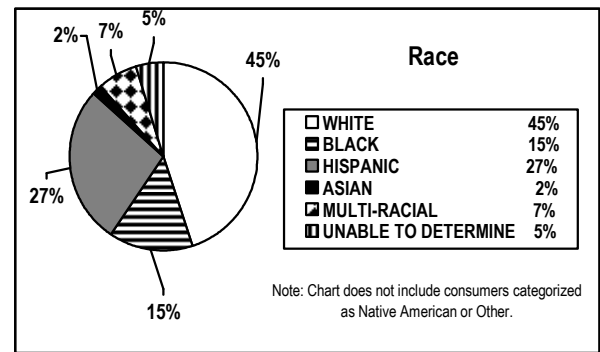
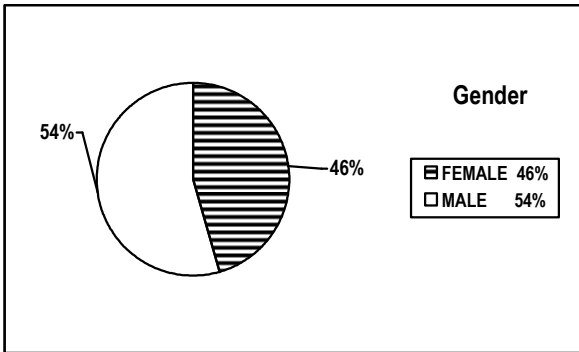
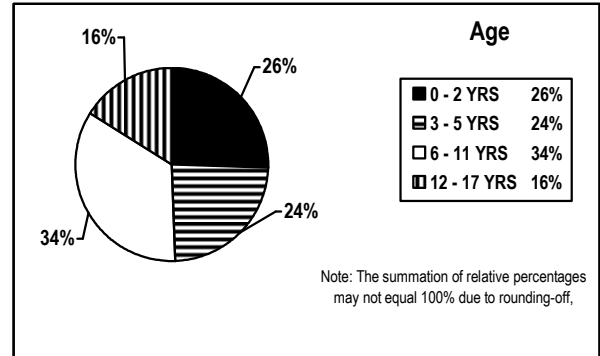
- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 12/31/2010. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted and Kinship foster children are the youngest and have spent the least amount of time in continuous care. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for an adoptive family (adoption finalization).
- The slightly longer length of stays for Kinship and Child Specific foster children compared to Unrestricted foster children may be related to greater placement stability.
- The 9 children in Independent Living have the highest median age but have spent a relatively shorter time in continuous care. Almost all of these children are between 17 and 18 years old and have had a break in continuous care prior to entering the independent living program. This analysis does not include children 18 years or older in the independent living program.
- Children in contracted Intensive Foster Care were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in other types of foster care.
- Congregate care children were older and had spent more time in continuous placement than most foster children. Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Placement Type as of 12/31/2010	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.9	0.8	1,935
Kinship	6.3	1.1	1,624
Child Specific	9.6	1.5	444
Pre-Adoptive	4.3	2.2	437
Independent Living	17.6	1.0	9
IFC (contracted)	14.0	1.9	1,659
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.6	1.6	602
Residential	15.3	2.5	488
STARR	15.4	0.2	323
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	-----	-----	326
Total	11.2	1.2	7,847

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,467 consumers (includes one youth over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,109 (45%) were White, 358 (15%) were Black, 669 (27%) were Hispanic/Latino, 43 (3%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 171 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 113 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 30, **Fig. 17** on page 35)
- The age distribution of 2,467 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 34% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15** on page 30, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16** on page 30, **Fig. 17**)
- Forty-eight percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). From June 2001 to June 2009, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has fluctuated between 26-29%. On 6/30/2010, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption rose to 31%. It has remained at 31% for three quarters. (See table below)

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Date mo/yr	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
9/10	7,917	2,464	31%
12/10	7,847	2,466	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old
Revised statistics as of 1/31/2011

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

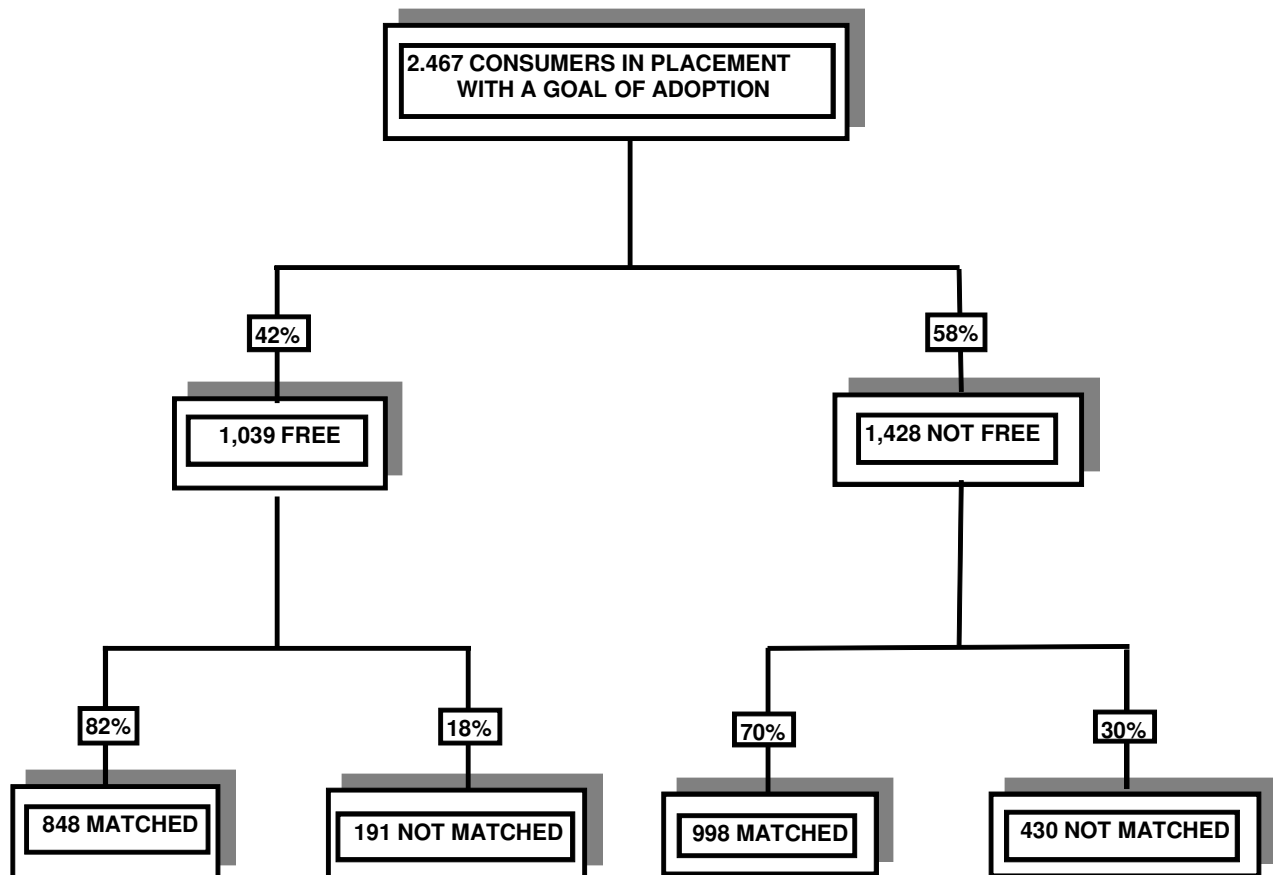
- Of the 2,467 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 42% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2010 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Children in Placement 12/31/10			
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	260	630	41%
3 – 5	251	590	43%
6 – 11	342	848	40%
12 – 17	186	398	47%
Total	1,039	2,466	42%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (58%), 70% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The Boston Region had the highest proportion (55%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 33% in the West to 55% in Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 39). On an area office basis, Lawrence (80%), Brockton (71%), and Plymouth (70%) had the highest proportions of legally free children (**Appendix Table A8** on page 70).
- The Southern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (80% and 79%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 65% in Boston to 80% in the South (**Fig. 20** on page 39). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. Areas with the highest proportions of children matched to a permanent family were Pittsfield (91%) and Van Wart (91%) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 71).

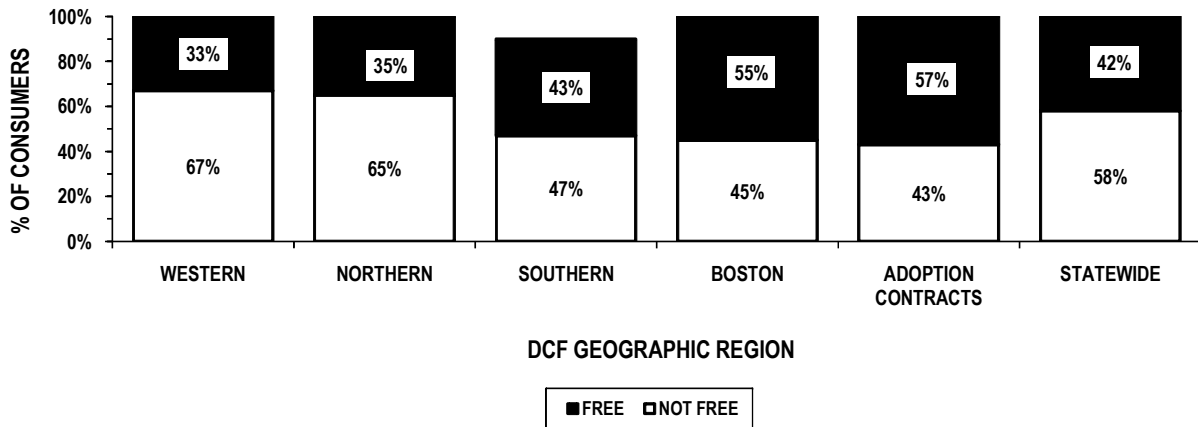
**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



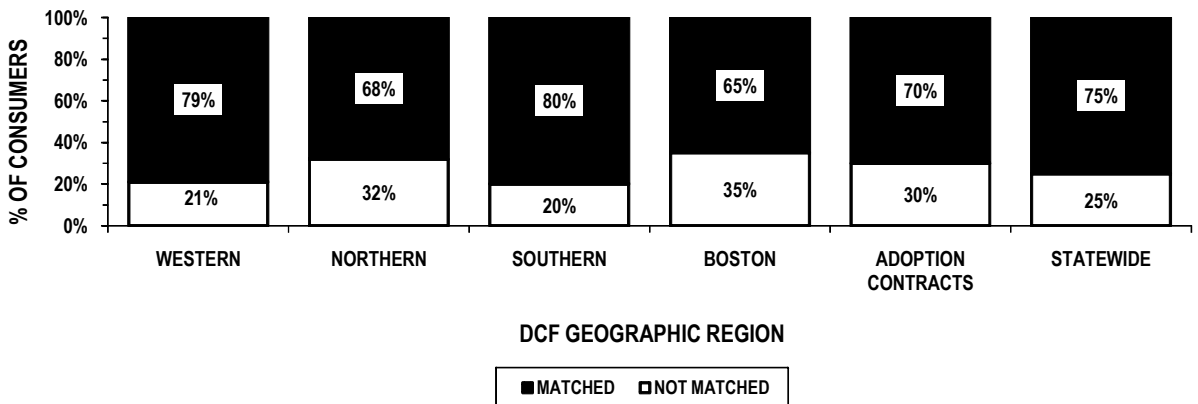
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

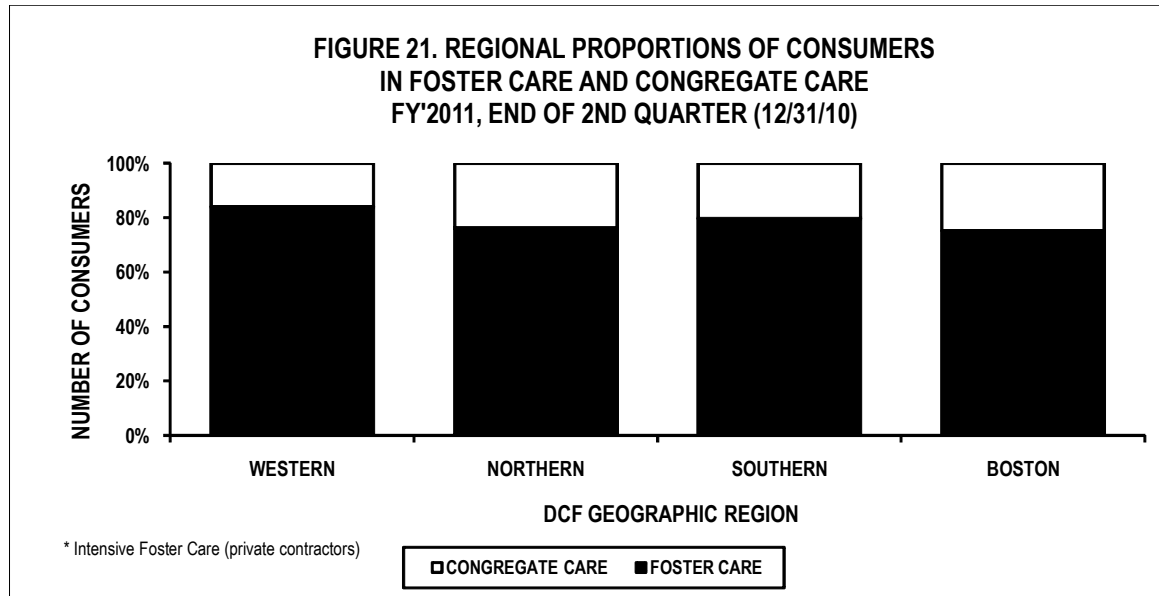


**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,299 consumers in foster care and 1,748 consumers in congregate care¹⁷ on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011. (**Table 17A** on page 42, **Fig. 21**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (29-32% range across regions) and congregate care (64% to 72% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁸ (77-86% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—20% in Boston to 59% in the South; Black—11% in the North to 46% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—14% in the South to 33% in the West (**Table 18A** on page 45). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).
- The racial distribution of the foster care and congregate care populations by region and type of program/model are presented in **Tables 18B and 18C** (pages 46-47).

¹⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

¹⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,911 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁹ (IFC) and 5,388 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%).²⁰ (**Table 17B** on page 43)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 48.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 48). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The South had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and South. The West and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North and Boston as compared to the other regions. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (804 consumers), residential (620), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²¹ (324 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 44)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 49). The West and North had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southern and Western Regions. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 49 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.²² (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (359 consumers), group home (296), and independent living (149). (**Table 17C**)

¹⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

²⁰ The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

²¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

²² Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,770		523		111		3,404
	(0 - 2 yrs)	521	19%	---	---	3	3%	524
	(3 - 5 yrs)	445	16%	4	1%	1	1%	450
	(6 - 11 yrs)	582	21%	64	12%	8	7%	654
	(12 - 17 yrs)	881	32%	365	70%	95	86%	1,341
	18 or older	341	12%	90	17%	4	4%	435
Northern		1,600		498		101		2,199
	(0 - 2 yrs)	274	17%	---	---	---	---	274
	(3 - 5 yrs)	191	12%	1	*	3	3%	195
	(6 - 11 yrs)	305	19%	42	8%	11	11%	358
	(12 - 17 yrs)	492	31%	349	70%	81	80%	922
	18 or older	338	21%	106	21%	6	6%	450
Southern		1,822		464		64		2,350
	(0 - 2 yrs)	358	20%	---	---	---	---	358
	(3 - 5 yrs)	276	15%	4	1%	2	3%	282
	(6 - 11 yrs)	359	20%	51	11%	3	5%	413
	(12 - 17 yrs)	527	29%	333	72%	51	80%	911
	18 or older	302	17%	76	16%	8	13%	386
Boston		783		258		61		1,102
	(0 - 2 yrs)	146	19%	---	---	3	5%	149
	(3 - 5 yrs)	92	12%	1	*	3	5%	96
	(6 - 11 yrs)	126	16%	30	12%	2	3%	158
	(12 - 17 yrs)	254	32%	164	64%	47	77%	465
	18 or older	165	21%	63	24%	6	10%	234
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		257		5		1		263
	(0 - 2 yrs)	38	15%	---	---	---	---	38
	(3 - 5 yrs)	58	23%	---	---	---	---	58
	(6 - 11 yrs)	113	44%	3	60%	1	100%	117
	(12 - 17 yrs)	48	19%	2	40%	---	---	50
Other ⁽⁴⁾		67		---		32		99
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	3%	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	4%	---	---	2	6%	5
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	28%	---	---	9	28%	28
	18 or older	45	67%	---	---	20	63%	65
Total		7,299		1,748		370		9,417

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Foster Care									
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		663	35	211	179	599	193	890	2,770
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	4	34	---	130	81	253	521
	(3 - 5 yrs)	24	1	32	---	144	53	191	445
	(6 - 11 yrs)	127	2	48	---	158	48	199	582
	(12 - 17 yrs)	407	20	76	3	150	11	214	881
	18 or older	86	8	21	176	17	---	33	341
Northern		414	42	95	235	379	65	370	1,600
	(0 - 2 yrs)	26	2	19	---	90	20	117	274
	(3 - 5 yrs)	32	5	7	---	72	17	58	191
	(6 - 11 yrs)	76	9	21	---	114	19	66	305
	(12 - 17 yrs)	234	14	36	4	88	9	107	492
	18 or older	46	12	12	231	15	---	22	338
Southern		431	8	134	157	487	85	520	1,822
	(0 - 2 yrs)	26	---	19	---	119	33	161	358
	(3 - 5 yrs)	37	1	19	---	117	22	80	276
	(6 - 11 yrs)	83	---	27	---	117	22	110	359
	(12 - 17 yrs)	225	1	45	1	115	8	132	527
	18 or older	60	6	24	156	19	---	37	302
Boston		221	15	36	107	166	49	189	783
	(0 - 2 yrs)	7	4	9	---	45	15	66	146
	(3 - 5 yrs)	14	2	5	---	37	15	19	92
	(6 - 11 yrs)	44	---	3	---	38	17	24	126
	(12 - 17 yrs)	122	9	13	1	44	2	63	254
	18 or older	34	---	6	106	2	---	17	165
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		79	3	27	---	46	45	57	257
	(0 - 2 yrs)	5	2	2	---	8	6	15	38
	(3 - 5 yrs)	12	1	7	---	14	10	14	58
	(6 - 11 yrs)	31	---	12	---	21	25	24	113
	(12 - 17 yrs)	31	---	6	---	3	4	4	48
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	27	---	---	36	67
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	16	19
	18 or older	---	---	---	27	---	---	18	45
Total		1,808	103	507	705	1,677	437	2,062	7,299

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (17 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (35 consumers).

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	150	93	20	143	7	110	523
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	3	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	16	8	---	24	---	16	64
(12 - 17 yrs)	123	52	1	93	5	91	365
18 or older	11	32	19	26	2	---	90
Northern	88	87	78	166	2	77	498
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	19	1	---	17	1	4	42
(12 - 17 yrs)	63	75	21	117	1	72	349
18 or older	6	11	57	32	---	---	106
Southern	67	79	26	185	3	104	464
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	3	---	16	---	17	51
(12 - 17 yrs)	51	64	9	125	2	82	333
18 or older	1	12	17	44	1	1	76
Boston	53	36	25	106	8	30	258
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	3	---	9	---	6	30
(12 - 17 yrs)	33	25	5	74	4	23	164
18 or older	8	8	20	23	4	---	63
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	1	1	---	---	---	3	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
Total	359	296	149	600	20	324	1,748

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (19), other (1).

⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Placement Location of Consumers								
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,770		523		111		3,404
	White	1,243	45%	283	54%	32	29%	1,558
	Black	330	12%	51	10%	20	18%	401
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	912	33%	159	30%	56	50%	1,127
	Asian	16	1%	3	1%	---	---	19
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	137	5%	17	3%	2	2%	156
	Unable to Determine	130	5%	9	2%	1	1%	140
Northern		1,600		498		101		2,199
	White	766	48%	254	51%	53	52%	1,073
	Black	181	11%	55	11%	9	9%	245
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	446	28%	149	30%	25	25%	620
	Asian	82	5%	14	3%	7	7%	103
	Native American	4	*	1	*	---	---	5
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	---	2	---	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	72	5%	11	2%	5	5%	88
	Unable to Determine	48	3%	12	2%	2	2%	62
Southern		1,822		464		64		2,350
	White	1,076	59%	262	56%	41	64%	1,379
	Black	283	16%	93	20%	8	13%	384
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	253	14%	64	14%	9	14%	326
	Asian	9	*	4	1%	3	5%	16
	Native American	4	*	3	*	---	---	7
	Multi-Racial	122	7%	24	5%	2	3%	148
	Unable to Determine	75	4%	14	3%	1	2%	90
Boston		783		258		61		1,102
	White	157	20%	31	12%	8	13%	196
	Black	364	46%	135	52%	29	48%	528
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	189	24%	69	27%	20	33%	278
	Asian	22	3%	6	2%	1	2%	29
	Multi-Racial	18	2%	7	3%	3	5%	28
	Unable to Determine	33	4%	10	4%	---	---	43
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		257		5		1		263
	White	85	33%	2	40%	---	---	87
	Black	42	16%	1	20%	---	---	43
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	91	35%	2	40%	---	---	93
	Asian	4	2%	---	---	---	---	4
	Multi-Racial	21	8%	---	---	---	---	21
	Unable to Determine	14	5%	---	---	1	100%	15
Other ⁽⁶⁾		67		---		32		99
	White	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	Black	29	43%	---	---	5	16%	34
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	10	15%	---	---	20	63%	30
	Asian	26	39%	---	---	7	22%	33
	Unable to Determine	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
Total		7,299		1,748		370		9,417

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ Age Group		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		663	35	211	179	599	193	890	2,770
	White	263	18	116	83	295	96	372	1,243
	Black	111	3	19	29	55	11	102	330
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	246	11	59	56	169	71	300	912
	Asian	2	1	1	1	2	---	9	16
	Native American	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
	Multi-Racial	26	1	7	7	32	7	57	137
	Unable to Determine	15	1	9	3	45	8	49	130
Northern		414	42	95	235	379	65	370	1,600
	White	170	21	48	114	231	37	145	766
	Black	52	5	5	47	27	7	38	181
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	135	13	23	59	82	12	122	446
	Asian	21	1	2	12	16	1	29	82
	Native American	2	---	---	---	2	---	---	4
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	19	2	9	3	15	3	21	72
	Unable to Determine	15	---	8	---	6	5	14	48
Southern		431	8	134	157	487	85	520	1,822
	White	246	5	69	100	316	58	282	1,076
	Black	79	2	24	28	58	9	83	283
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	71	1	17	19	56	5	84	253
	Asian	3	---	2	1	1	---	2	9
	Native American	1	---	1	---	2	---	---	4
	Multi-Racial	18	---	12	7	33	7	45	122
	Unable to Determine	13	---	9	2	21	6	24	75
Boston		221	15	36	107	166	49	189	783
	White	44	4	6	23	44	15	21	157
	Black	98	5	17	60	69	15	100	364
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	59	6	8	18	36	14	48	189
	Asian	4	---	1	3	3	2	9	22
	Multi-Racial	8	---	2	---	3	---	5	18
	Unable to Determine	8	---	2	3	11	3	6	33
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		79	3	27	---	46	45	57	257
	White	27	---	6	---	14	18	20	85
	Black	16	1	4	---	8	8	5	42
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	26	2	14	---	21	8	20	91
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	3	1	4
	Multi-Racial	4	---	1	---	3	6	7	21
	Unable to Determine	6	---	2	---	---	2	4	14
Other ⁽⁶⁾		---	---	4	27	---	---	36	67
	White	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	Black	---	---	2	13	---	---	14	29
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	8	---	---	2	10
	Asian	---	---	2	4	---	---	20	26
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Total		1,808	103	507	705	1,677	437	2,062	7,299

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (17 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (35 consumers).

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Congregate Care						Total
		Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western		150	93	20	143	7	110	523
White		80	51	5	80	2	65	283
Black		14	8	5	17	---	7	51
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾		47	30	7	42	5	28	159
Asian		1	---	---	1	---	1	3
Native American		---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Multi-Racial		7	2	2	1	---	5	17
Unable to Determine		1	2	---	2	---	4	9
Northern		88	87	78	166	2	77	498
White		49	47	33	86	---	39	254
Black		7	17	11	13	---	7	55
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾		26	16	30	52	2	23	149
Asian		2	3	3	4	---	2	14
Native American		1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	---	1	---	1	2
Multi-Racial		1	3	1	4	---	2	11
Unable to Determine		2	1	---	6	---	3	12
Southern		67	79	26	185	3	104	464
White		36	49	12	111	1	53	262
Black		15	16	8	33	---	21	93
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾		10	7	4	23	2	18	64
Asian		1	1	---	1	---	1	4
Native American		---	1	---	---	---	2	3
Multi-Racial		5	5	1	7	---	6	24
Unable to Determine		---	---	1	10	---	3	14
Boston		53	36	25	106	8	30	258
White		6	5	4	14	---	2	31
Black		32	18	10	56	5	14	135
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾		11	10	9	26	3	10	69
Asian		---	3	---	3	---	---	6
Multi-Racial		---	---	2	2	---	3	7
Unable to Determine		4	---	---	5	---	1	10
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁶⁾		1	1	---	---	---	3	5
White		1	---	---	---	---	1	2
Black		---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾		---	1	---	---	---	1	2
Total		359	296	149	600	20	324	1,748

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

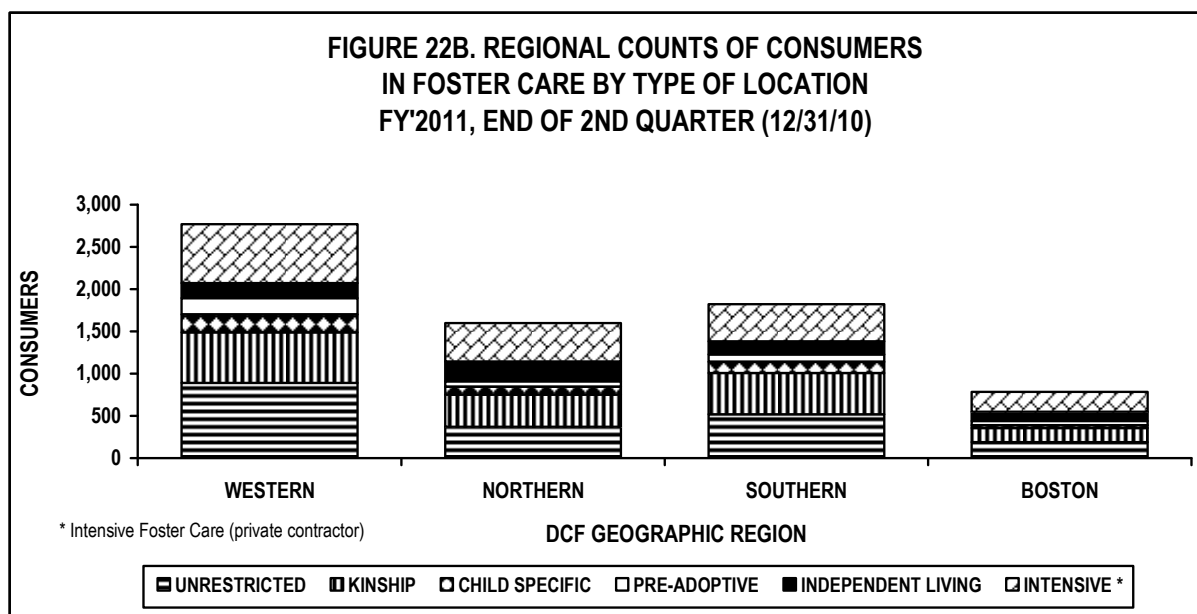
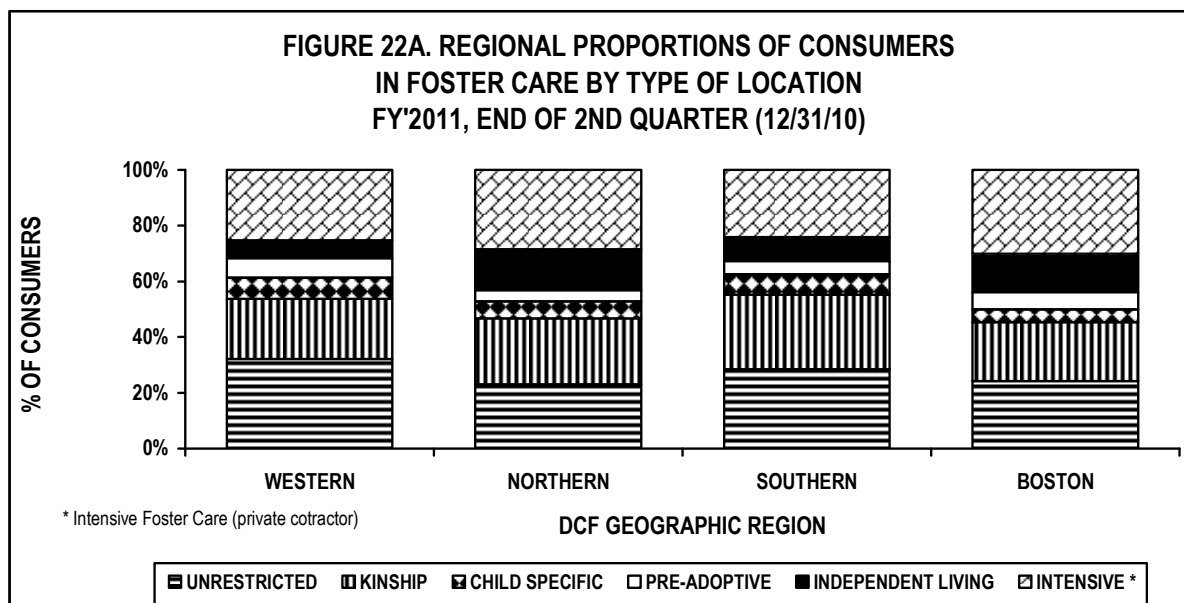
⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (19), other (1).

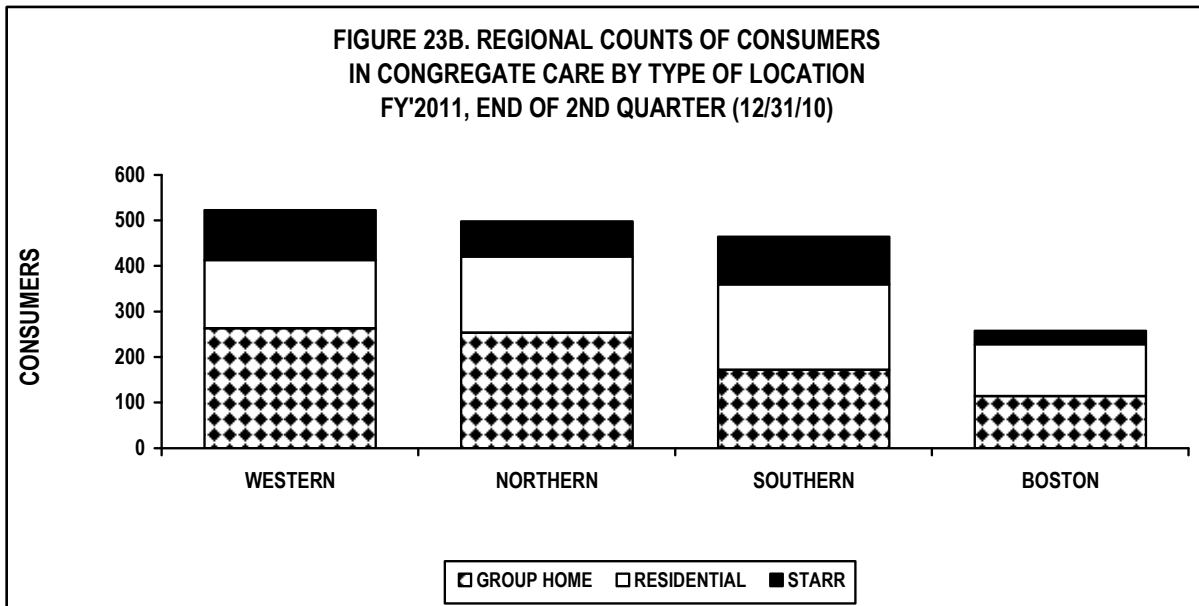
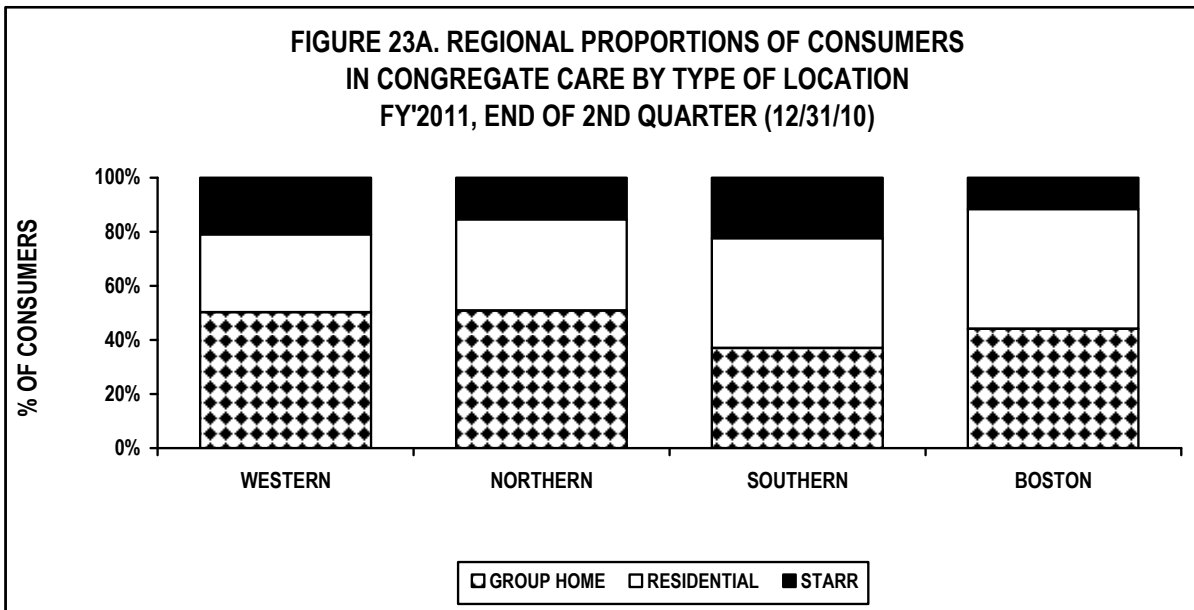
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

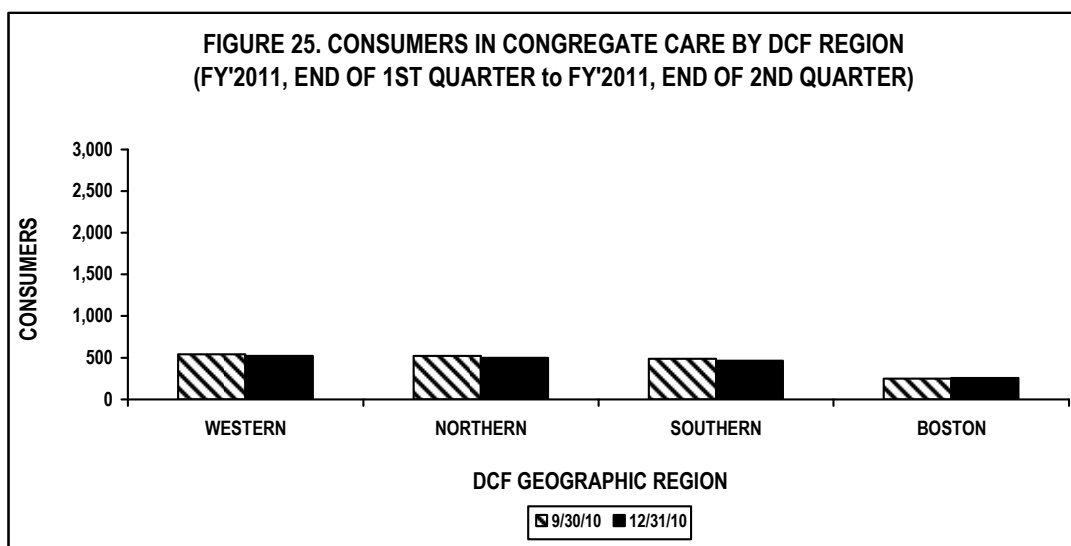
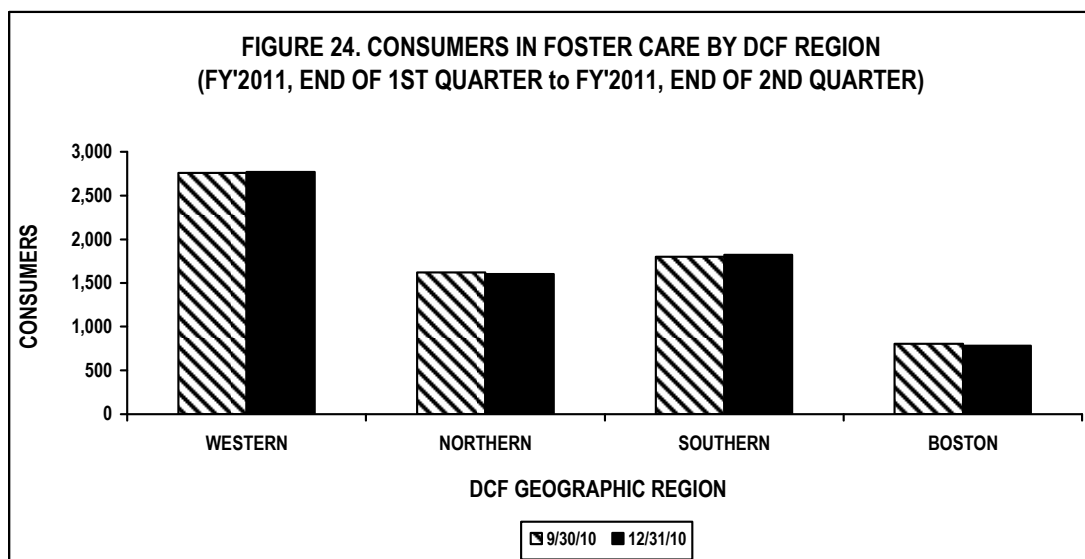
⁽⁵⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽⁶⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.





- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, there were declines of less than 1% and 4% in the foster and congregate care populations, respectively (**Figs. 24 and 25**).²³
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (**Fig. 13** on page 22, **Appendix Table 1** on page 64).
- In the past, statewide declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occurred predominantly in the 1st quarter. The declines in total consumers and children not in placement coincided with the pattern for investigations and initial assessments.



²³ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 7,299 consumers in foster care, 705 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to independent living. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Substitute care services (voluntary placement agreement) may be extended to the youth’s 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 12/31/2010, the ages of these children ranged from 15 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,748 consumers in congregate care, 149 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement location includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 12/31/2010, the ages of these children ranged from 15 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (235 in foster care and 78 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 705 youth in Departmental foster care, 99% were 18 years or older, 62% were female, 46% were White, 25% were Black, 23% were Hispanic/Latino, and 76% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
179	25%	Western	20	13%
235	33%	Northern	78	52%
157	22%	Southern	26	17%
107	15%	Boston	25	17%
27	4%	Central Office	---	---
705	100%	TOTAL	149	100%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off

- Of the 149 youth in group homes, 76% were 18 years or older, 52% were female, 36% were White, 23% were Black, 34% were Hispanic/Latino, and 72% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
Age Group				
9	1%	15-17 years	36	24%
696	99%	18 years or Older	113	76%
Gender				
269	38%	Male	72	48%
436	62%	Female	77	52%
Race				
321	46%	White	54	36%
177	25%	Black	34	23%
160	23%	Hispanic/Latino	50	34%
21	3%	Asian	3	2%
---	---	Native American	1	1%
17	2%	Multi-Racial	6	4%
9	1%	Undetermined	1	1%
Continuous Time in Care				
92	13%	1 year or less	25	17%
82	12%	>1 – 2 years	17	11%
203	29%	>2 – 4 years	36	24%
328	47%	>4 years	71	48%

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁴

It is the policy of DCF that all placements are made in accordance with permanency planning objectives. From the time a child is placed, a plan is developed for returning the child home, or, if that is not possible, for identifying an alternative permanent home. DCF always gives first consideration to placement with a relative or member of the child's extended family.

- Statewide, 21% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River and Pittsfield area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship—34% and 29%, respectively. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 24% of White, 16% of Black, and 17% of Hispanic/Latino children in placement were in kinship placements. (**Table 19B** on page 55)
- Of those area offices with more than 40 Hispanic children in placement, Greenfield (33%), Pittsfield (26%), and Framingham (26%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 40 Black children in placement, Dimock Street (32%) and Fall River (28%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)

²⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship	Total Children in Placement	% in Kinship
Greenfield	66	290	23%
Holyoke	58	343	17%
North Central	84	329	26%
Pittsfield	102	356	29%
Robert Van Wart	69	356	19%
South Central	41	247	17%
Springfield	47	420	11%
Worcester East	63	306	21%
Worcester West	52	314	17%
Contracted Agencies	---	8	---
Western	582	2,969	20%
Cambridge	31	128	24%
Cape Ann	30	170	18%
Framingham	43	196	22%
Haverhill	43	171	25%
Lawrence	22	185	12%
Lowell	101	415	24%
Lynn	64	266	24%
Malden	30	216	14%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
Northern	364	1,749	21%
Arlington	39	161	24%
Brockton	43	234	18%
Cape Cod	39	223	17%
Coastal	45	190	24%
Fall River	122	357	34%
New Bedford	66	391	17%
Plymouth	63	222	28%
Taunton/Attleboro	51	184	28%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
Southern	468	1,964	24%
Dimock Street	60	216	28%
Harbor	32	223	14%
Hyde Park	34	191	18%
Park Street	37	235	16%
Contracted Agencies	1	3	33%
Boston	164	868	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	46	263	17%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	34	---
Total	1,624	7,847	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾
Greenfield	42	4	15	207	14	45	20%	29%	33%
Holyoke	17	3	26	99	29	181	17%	10%	14%
North Central	48	2	21	180	20	102	27%	10%	21%
Pittsfield	64	10	12	232	23	46	28%	43%	26%
Robert Van Wart	31	9	19	173	36	106	18%	25%	18%
South Central	25	2	11	179	11	46	14%	18%	24%
Springfield	4	15	21	51	111	233	8%	14%	9%
Worcester East	28	5	26	109	43	122	26%	12%	21%
Worcester West	23	2	18	131	31	113	18%	6%	16%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	1	2	---	---	---
Western	282	52	169	1,362	319	996	21%	16%	17%
Cambridge	15	4	10	55	28	31	27%	14%	32%
Cape Ann	23	---	6	129	10	23	18%	---	26%
Framingham	26	1	13	105	21	50	25%	5%	26%
Haverhill	36	3	3	118	9	30	31%	33%	10%
Lawrence	5	---	17	49	3	128	10%	---	13%
Lowell	63	3	17	171	24	125	37%	13%	14%
Lynn	31	12	11	100	33	81	31%	36%	14%
Malden	24	4	---	130	43	21	18%	9%	---
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---
Northern	223	27	77	857	172	490	26%	16%	16%
Arlington	22	4	7	81	27	34	27%	15%	21%
Brockton	23	11	5	89	82	35	26%	13%	14%
Cape Cod	24	---	6	142	17	17	17%	---	35%
Coastal	30	5	3	130	28	10	23%	18%	30%
Fall River	76	16	12	186	58	63	41%	28%	19%
New Bedford	41	9	10	206	58	91	20%	16%	11%
Plymouth	49	2	8	167	21	13	29%	10%	62%
Taunton/Attleboro	41	5	3	136	17	16	30%	29%	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---
Southern	306	52	54	1,137	309	280	27%	17%	19%
Dimock Street	9	36	12	27	112	58	33%	32%	21%
Harbor	18	4	7	87	26	81	21%	15%	9%
Hyde Park	6	17	9	13	141	30	46%	12%	30%
Park Street	11	10	7	28	127	48	39%	8%	15%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---	1	2	---	---	50%	---
Boston	44	68	35	156	408	217	28%	17%	16%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	14	8	21	87	43	93	16%	19%	23%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	13	5	---	---	---
Total	869	207	356	3,599	1,264	2,081	24%	16%	17%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

⁽²⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, 1,753 consumers entered placement and 1,906 consumers left placement.²⁵ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on page 57, Table 21 on page 58)
- Compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, there was a 3% increase in consumers entering placement and a 3% rise in consumers leaving placement during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, 63% were first-time entrants and 37% were re-entrants.²⁶ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 56% in Boston to 65% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 57)
- Across the state, 70% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 25% were placed in congregate care,²⁷ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁸
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 62% in the North to 80% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 17% in the West to 32% in the South. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 58)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-six percent of first-time entrants and 60% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

²⁵ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²⁶ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁷ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

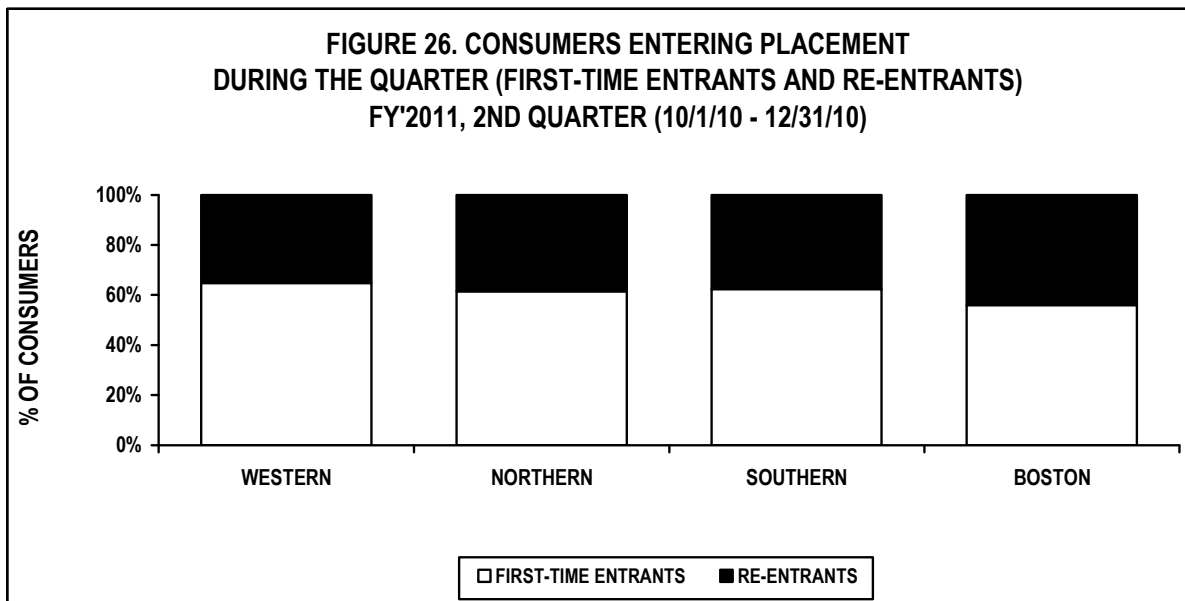
²⁸ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

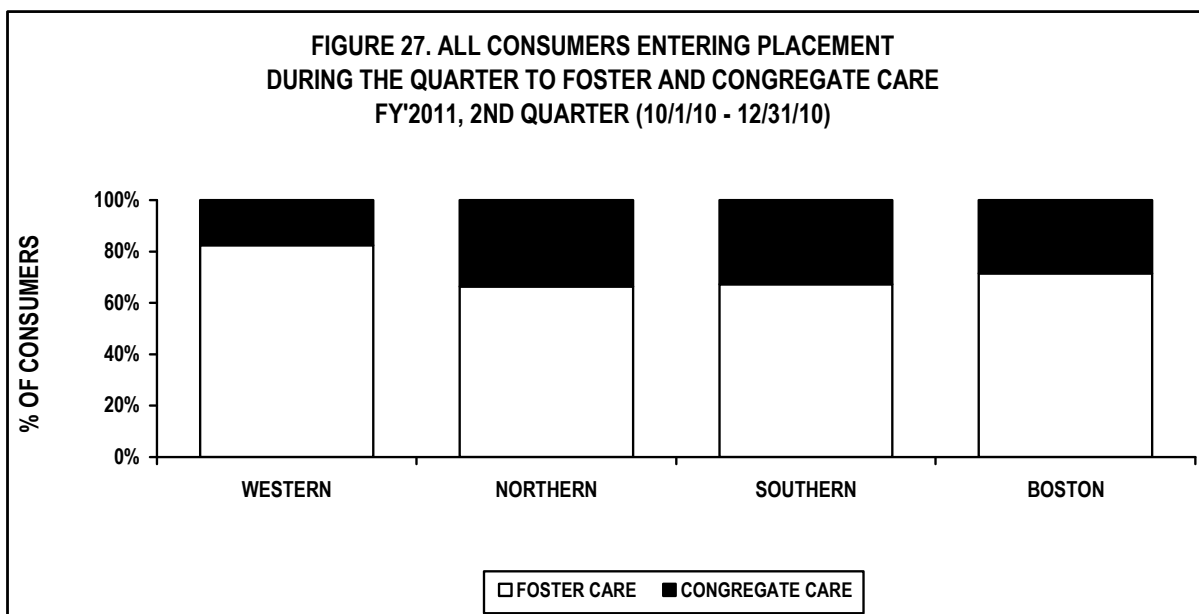
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	484	252	265	88	12	1,101
Foster Care	421	179	180	57	2	839
Congregate Care	58	60	79	25	---	222
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	5	13	6	6	10	40
Re-Entrants:	263	158	160	69	2	652
Foster Care	175	75	95	48	---	393
Congregate Care	69	69	55	17	---	210
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	19	14	10	4	2	49
Total	747	410	425	157	14	1,753

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.





B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 66% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 64% in Boston to 67% in the South. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 9% were emancipated, and 3% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- The proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 7% in the North to 13% in the West. The proportion emancipated ranged from 6% in the West to 12% in Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the West to 4% in both the North and Boston. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston		
Child Returned Home	485	323	305	140	---	1,253
Consumer Adopted	96	36	46	22	---	200
Child 18 or Older	42	49	44	27	3	165
Custody to Other Individual	23	26	7	6	---	62
Guardianship	12	18	13	9	---	52
Custody to Other Agency	4	1	5	2	---	12
Child on the Run	3	2	2	1	---	8
Consumer Deceased	---	---	1	---	---	1
Unspecified	70	38	31	12	2	153
Total	735	493	454	219	5	1,906

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁹

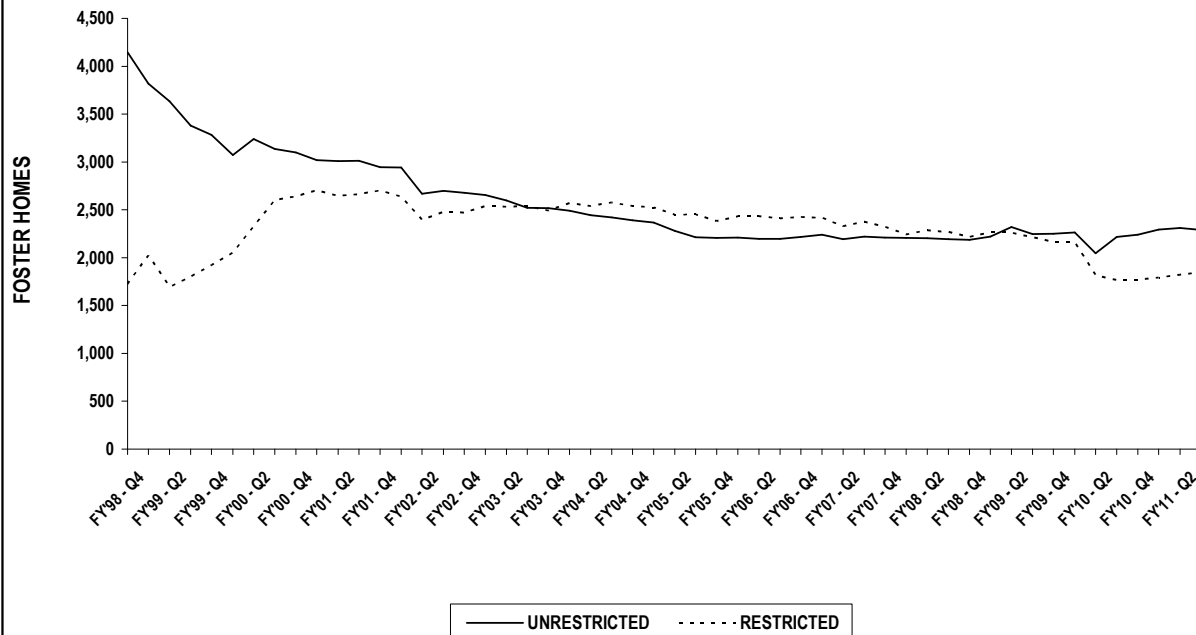
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, there were 4,139 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³⁰ as well as unrestricted homes.³¹ There were 1,848 restricted and 2,291 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, the proportion of restricted homes dropped from 51% to 47%. The proportion of restricted homes has been at 44-45% for the past five quarters. (**Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 69% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 63% were married. (**Table 22, Table 23** on page 61)
- Statewide, 60% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 51% were married. (**Tables 22 and 23**)
- Ten percent (418) of all foster homes were identified as Black (189 restricted and 229 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)
- Fourteen percent (598) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (240 restricted and 358 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)

²⁹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

³⁰ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

³¹ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 2ND QUARTER OF FY'2011
(12/31/10)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted	673		402		625		148		1,848	
White	378	56%	264	66%	439	70%	30	20%	1,111	60%
Black	43	6%	21	5%	49	8%	76	51%	189	10%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	121	18%	57	14%	36	6%	26	18%	240	13%
Asian	3	*	11	3%	3	*	---	---	17	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*
Other ⁽²⁾	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	7	1%	3	1%	1	*	1	1%	12	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	118	18%	45	11%	96	15%	15	10%	274	15%
Missing	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*
Unrestricted	903		464		721		203		2,291	
White	615	68%	330	71%	575	80%	69	34%	1,589	69%
Black	55	6%	32	7%	61	8%	81	40%	229	10%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	189	21%	71	15%	54	7%	44	22%	358	16%
Asian	1	*	11	2%	2	*	2	1%	16	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*
Multi-Racial	4	*	2	*	4	1%	1	*	11	*
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	38	4%	18	4%	20	3%	5	2%	81	4%
Missing	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Total	1,576		866		1,346		351		4,139	

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

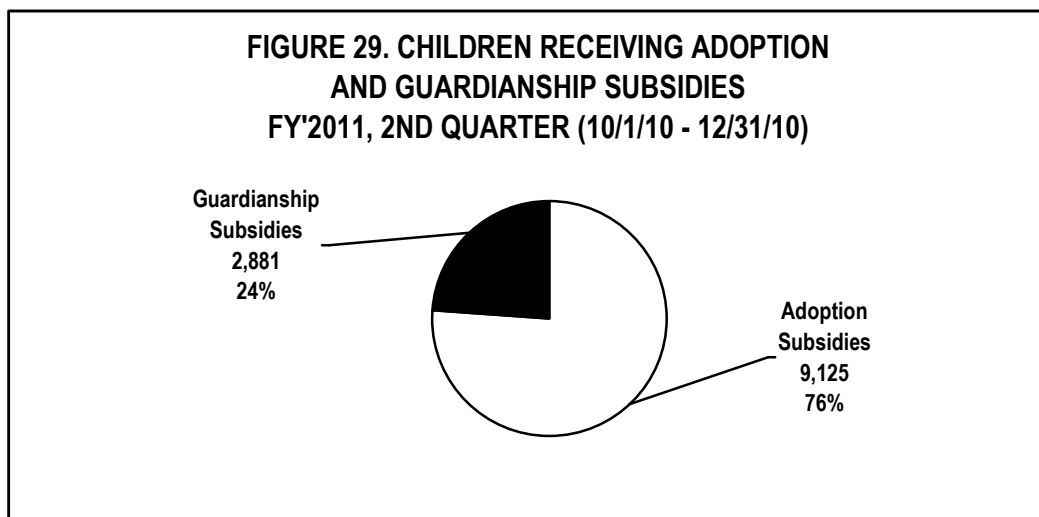
**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted	673		402		625		148		1,848	
Married	347	52%	216	54%	339	54%	34	23%	936	51%
Single	209	31%	108	27%	174	28%	85	57%	576	31%
Divorced	74	11%	40	10%	64	10%	15	10%	193	10%
Widowed	17	3%	23	6%	28	4%	9	6%	77	4%
Separated	25	4%	14	3%	18	3%	5	3%	62	3%
Unspecified	1	*	1	*	2	*	---	---	4	*
Unrestricted	903		464		721		203		2,291	
Married	623	69%	278	60%	466	65%	76	37%	1,443	63%
Single	156	17%	105	23%	138	19%	85	42%	484	21%
Divorced	86	10%	58	13%	81	11%	26	13%	251	11%
Widowed	19	2%	10	2%	23	3%	7	3%	59	3%
Separated	18	2%	10	2%	12	2%	8	4%	48	2%
Unspecified	1	*	3	*	1	*	1	*	6	*
Total	1,576		866		1,346		351		4,139	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,125 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,881. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number of service referrals actively paying out.



From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2011, adoption and guardianship subsidies declined 1% and 2%, respectively. Typically, adoption and guardianship subsidies fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)					
Quarter		Adoption		Guardianship	
		No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2007	1 st	9,713	---	2,970	---
	2 nd	9,808	1%	2,937	-1%
	3 rd	9,854	*	2,980	1%
	4 th	9,750	-1%	2,978	*
FY'2008	1 st	9,727	*	2,964	*
	2 nd	9,820	1%	2,971	*
	3 rd	9,812	*	2,992	1%
	4 th	9,706	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 st	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 nd	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 rd	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 th	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 st	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 nd	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 rd	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 th	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 nd	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2010

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	AI Adults >18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	AI Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	34,906
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	9/2010	71,691	37,179	7,917	34,512
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	12/2010	71,703	37,112	7,847	34,591
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518					

Note: revised counts as of 1/31/2011

Source: ASSIST 96/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 12/2010)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE⁽¹⁾ TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS		Voluntary		Court		Other ⁽³⁾		
			Referrals		Requests		Referrals				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	57	86%	1	2%	1	2%	---	---	7	11%	66
Holyoke	89	83%	4	4%	7	7%	---	---	7	7%	107
North Central	91	85%	2	2%	6	6%	7	7%	1	1%	107
Pittsfield	57	78%	3	4%	6	8%	1	1%	6	8%	73
Robert Van Wart	117	87%	11	8%	2	1%	---	---	5	4%	135
South Central	65	88%	2	3%	3	4%	---	---	4	5%	74
Springfield	125	87%	5	3%	---	---	3	2%	11	8%	144
Worcester East	75	83%	6	7%	2	2%	4	4%	3	3%	90
Worcester West	77	93%	---	---	2	2%	1	1%	3	4%	83
Contracted Agencies	---	---	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Western	753	86%	35	4%	29	3%	16	2%	47	5%	880
Cambridge	71	92%	3	4%	2	3%	---	---	1	1%	77
Cape Ann	45	71%	---	---	10	16%	6	10%	2	3%	63
Framingham	62	87%	4	6%	---	---	3	4%	2	3%	71
Haverhill	34	77%	1	2%	5	11%	2	5%	2	5%	44
Lawrence	45	70%	9	14%	4	6%	---	---	6	9%	64
Lowell	113	90%	7	6%	---	---	---	---	6	5%	126
Lynn	55	79%	3	4%	5	7%	2	3%	5	7%	70
Malden	73	84%	---	---	6	7%	4	5%	4	5%	87
Northern	498	83%	27	4%	32	5%	17	3%	28	5%	602
Arlington	44	69%	3	5%	13	20%	1	2%	3	5%	64
Brockton	89	83%	9	8%	3	3%	---	---	6	6%	107
Cape Cod	71	78%	4	4%	8	9%	5	5%	3	3%	91
Coastal	67	92%	4	5%	1	1%	---	---	1	1%	73
Fall River	62	81%	5	6%	---	---	---	---	10	13%	77
New Bedford	82	85%	5	5%	6	6%	---	---	3	3%	96
Plymouth	73	82%	8	9%	5	6%	2	2%	1	1%	89
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Taunton/Attleboro	55	65%	12	14%	6	7%	8	10%	3	4%	84
Southern	544	80%	50	7%	42	6%	16	2%	30	4%	682
Dimock Street	48	86%	6	11%	---	---	---	---	2	4%	56
Harbor	78	87%	3	3%	4	4%	---	---	5	6%	90
Hyde Park	43	84%	5	10%	2	4%	---	---	1	2%	51
Park Street	42	78%	2	4%	4	7%	4	7%	2	4%	54
Boston	211	84%	16	6%	10	4%	4	2%	10	4%	251
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	2,006	83%	128	5%	120	5%	53	2%	115	5%	2,422

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE⁽¹⁾ TYPE OF AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court		Other ⁽³⁾		
			Referrals				Referrals				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	405	90%	22	5%	9	2%	---	---	14	3%	450
Holyoke	577	92%	26	4%	6	1%	10	2%	8	1%	627
North Central	571	86%	7	1%	52	8%	32	5%	1	*	663
Pittsfield	407	79%	20	4%	29	6%	28	5%	31	6%	515
Robert Van Wart	680	90%	56	7%	15	2%	---	---	7	1%	758
South Central	419	90%	16	3%	14	3%	9	2%	8	2%	466
Springfield	881	91%	52	5%	5	1%	6	1%	21	2%	965
Worcester East	552	90%	32	5%	8	1%	14	2%	9	1%	615
Worcester West	499	91%	20	4%	9	2%	19	3%	3	1%	550
Contracted Agencies	2	33%	4	67%	---	---	---	---	---	---	6
Western	4,993	89%	255	5%	147	3%	118	2%	102	2%	5,615
Cambridge	344	93%	11	3%	12	3%	---	---	2	1%	369
Cape Ann	271	72%	16	4%	38	10%	48	13%	5	1%	378
Framingham	367	88%	17	4%	6	1%	14	3%	11	3%	415
Haverhill	283	83%	17	5%	33	10%	6	2%	2	1%	341
Lawrence	259	80%	34	10%	13	4%	---	---	19	6%	325
Lowell	700	87%	74	9%	6	1%	4	*	22	3%	806
Lynn	390	84%	43	9%	17	4%	9	2%	5	1%	464
Malden	415	90%	1	*	22	5%	12	3%	11	2%	461
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Northern	3,030	85%	213	6%	147	4%	93	3%	77	2%	3,560
Arlington	267	67%	36	9%	80	20%	11	3%	5	1%	399
Brockton	524	83%	76	12%	17	3%	---	---	12	2%	629
Cape Cod	405	80%	25	5%	37	7%	34	7%	3	1%	504
Coastal	349	89%	38	10%	1	*	5	1%	1	*	394
Fall River	402	79%	70	14%	9	2%	14	3%	16	3%	511
New Bedford	668	92%	39	5%	15	2%	---	---	7	1%	729
Plymouth	460	84%	48	9%	26	5%	9	2%	3	1%	546
Taunton/Attleboro	341	67%	69	14%	43	8%	45	9%	11	2%	509
Southern	3,416	81%	401	10%	228	5%	118	3%	58	1%	4,221
Dimock Street	285	84%	41	12%	1	*	7	2%	4	1%	338
Harbor	496	89%	35	6%	10	2%	7	1%	8	1%	556
Hyde Park	267	89%	18	6%	8	3%	5	2%	3	1%	301
Park Street	376	84%	25	6%	23	5%	19	4%	7	2%	450
Boston	1,424	87%	119	7%	42	3%	38	2%	22	1%	1,645
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	12,863	85%	988	7%	571	4%	367	2%	259	2%	15,048

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	281	49%	114	20%	19	3%	162	28%	576
Holyoke	334	46%	185	26%	29	4%	174	24%	722
North Central	298	48%	223	36%	12	2%	84	14%	617
Pittsfield	353	46%	299	39%	36	5%	87	11%	775
Robert Van Wart	393	52%	180	24%	16	2%	161	21%	750
South Central	354	52%	150	22%	4	1%	174	26%	682
Springfield	268	33%	311	38%	38	5%	194	24%	811
Worcester East	179	35%	225	44%	30	6%	72	14%	506
Worcester West	162	33%	201	41%	33	7%	89	18%	485
Western	2,622	44%	1,888	32%	217	4%	1,197	20%	5,924
Cambridge	106	42%	97	38%	3	1%	49	19%	255
Cape Ann	270	54%	42	8%	7	1%	177	36%	496
Framingham	289	61%	63	13%	3	1%	115	24%	470
Haverhill	202	44%	116	25%	16	4%	122	27%	456
Lawrence	259	52%	109	22%	11	2%	123	25%	502
Lowell	258	38%	267	40%	31	5%	116	17%	672
Lynn	191	47%	153	38%	5	1%	55	14%	404
Malden	149	36%	106	26%	15	4%	141	34%	411
Northern	1,724	47%	953	26%	91	2%	898	24%	3,666
Arlington	255	59%	46	11%	14	3%	117	27%	432
Brockton	198	40%	224	45%	8	2%	65	13%	495
Cape Cod	207	46%	157	35%	11	2%	72	16%	447
Coastal	177	45%	118	30%	6	2%	90	23%	391
Fall River	171	37%	195	42%	19	4%	74	16%	459
New Bedford	181	34%	235	44%	34	6%	87	16%	537
Plymouth	266	52%	134	26%	20	4%	90	18%	510
Taunton/Attleboro	224	47%	156	33%	12	3%	80	17%	472
Southern	1,679	45%	1,265	34%	124	3%	675	18%	3,743
Dimock Street	128	33%	153	39%	11	3%	97	25%	389
Harbor	150	37%	140	34%	11	3%	106	26%	407
Hyde Park	148	40%	122	33%	18	5%	78	21%	366
Park Street	176	43%	126	31%	18	4%	86	21%	406
Boston	602	38%	541	35%	58	4%	367	23%	1,568
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,995	38%	1,421	27%	1,020	19%	814	16%	5,250
Special Investigations	7	30%	16	70%	---	---	---	---	23
Total	8,629	43%	6,084	30%	1,510	7%	3,951	20%	20,174

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/10 - 12/31/10)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total No.
	Supported No.	%	Unsupported No.	%	Concern No.	%	Low/No Concern No.	%	
Greenfield	70	28%	43	17%	74	29%	67	26%	254
Holyoke	112	31%	86	24%	90	25%	75	21%	363
North Central	147	40%	132	36%	47	13%	43	12%	369
Pittsfield	140	40%	113	32%	18	5%	78	22%	349
Robert Van Wart	135	36%	68	18%	100	27%	69	19%	372
South Central	112	28%	68	17%	88	22%	125	32%	393
Springfield	204	39%	127	24%	107	20%	90	17%	528
Worcester East	147	45%	103	32%	21	6%	54	17%	325
Worcester West	149	48%	71	23%	39	13%	50	16%	309
Western	1,216	37%	811	25%	584	18%	651	20%	3,262
Cambridge	83	42%	51	26%	35	18%	29	15%	198
Cape Ann	25	10%	23	9%	68	28%	128	52%	244
Framingham	38	19%	15	8%	90	45%	57	29%	200
Haverhill	77	27%	70	25%	56	20%	81	29%	284
Lawrence	70	27%	57	22%	44	17%	89	34%	260
Lowell	204	45%	132	29%	45	10%	72	16%	453
Lynn	105	42%	80	32%	24	10%	43	17%	252
Malden	83	26%	53	17%	80	25%	105	33%	321
Northern	685	31%	481	22%	442	20%	604	27%	2,212
Arlington	27	15%	26	14%	50	28%	78	43%	181
Brockton	147	42%	111	32%	31	9%	60	17%	349
Cape Cod	111	39%	83	29%	35	12%	57	20%	286
Coastal	77	28%	83	30%	42	15%	72	26%	274
Fall River	129	39%	111	33%	41	12%	52	16%	333
New Bedford	224	55%	98	24%	37	9%	45	11%	404
Plymouth	107	39%	80	29%	47	17%	41	15%	275
Taunton/Attleboro	79	30%	88	34%	38	15%	56	21%	261
Southern	901	38%	680	29%	321	14%	461	20%	2,363
Dimock Street	74	31%	73	31%	36	15%	54	23%	237
Harbor	114	42%	59	22%	44	16%	57	21%	274
Hyde Park	74	31%	93	39%	28	12%	44	18%	239
Park Street	95	36%	72	27%	34	13%	61	23%	262
Boston	357	35%	297	29%	142	14%	216	21%	1,012
Judge Baker Children's Center	572	74%	198	26%	---	---	---	---	770
Special Investigations	49	22%	174	78%	---	---	---	---	223
Total	3,780	38%	2,641	27%	1,489	15%	1,932	20%	9,842

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: 2003 - 2011

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

TABLE A7. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: 2003 - 2011

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ³²		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	3,103
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	745

**TABLE A8. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				
DCF	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		Total
Region/Area	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Greenfield	62	78%	18	23%	80
Holyoke	81	67%	40	33%	121
North Central	70	65%	37	35%	107
Pittsfield	78	57%	59	43%	137
Robert Van Wart	77	68%	36	32%	113
South Central	56	69%	25	31%	81
Springfield	103	76%	33	24%	136
Worcester East	46	55%	37	45%	83
Worcester West	64	69%	29	31%	93
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	3
Western	640	67%	314	33%	954
Cambridge	9	38%	15	63%	24
Cape Ann	32	94%	2	6%	34
Framingham	26	52%	24	48%	50
Haverhill	50	88%	7	12%	57
Lawrence	12	20%	48	80%	60
Lowell	104	81%	24	19%	128
Lynn	71	65%	38	35%	109
Malden	25	58%	18	42%	43
Northern	329	65%	176	35%	505
Arlington	18	72%	7	28%	25
Brockton	18	29%	45	71%	63
Cape Cod	17	36%	30	64%	47
Coastal	33	53%	29	47%	62
Fall River	69	52%	63	48%	132
New Bedford	61	54%	53	46%	114
Plymouth	20	30%	46	70%	66
Taunton/Attleboro	17	55%	14	45%	31
Southern	253	47%	287	53%	540
Dimock Street	20	38%	32	62%	52
Harbor	36	55%	30	45%	66
Hyde Park	12	38%	20	63%	32
Park Street	32	44%	41	56%	73
Boston	100	45%	123	55%	223
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	106	43%	139	57%	245
Total	1,428	58%	1,039	42%	2,467

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE A9. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2011, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/10)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	11	14%	69	86%	80
Holyoke	17	14%	104	86%	121
North Central	25	23%	82	77%	107
Pittsfield	13	9%	124	91%	137
Robert Van Wart	10	9%	103	91%	113
South Central	23	28%	58	72%	81
Springfield	45	33%	91	67%	136
Worcester East	28	34%	55	66%	83
Worcester West	29	31%	64	69%	93
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	3
Western	204	21%	750	79%	954
Cambridge	4	17%	20	83%	24
Cape Ann	9	26%	25	74%	34
Framingham	12	24%	38	76%	50
Haverhill	22	39%	35	61%	57
Lawrence	17	28%	43	72%	60
Lowell	40	31%	88	69%	128
Lynn	47	43%	62	57%	109
Malden	9	21%	34	79%	43
Northern	160	32%	345	68%	505
Arlington	4	16%	21	84%	25
Brockton	11	17%	52	83%	63
Cape Cod	15	32%	32	68%	47
Coastal	13	21%	49	79%	62
Fall River	25	19%	107	81%	132
New Bedford	21	18%	93	82%	114
Plymouth	13	20%	53	80%	66
Taunton/Attleboro	5	16%	26	84%	31
Southern	107	20%	433	80%	540
Dimock Street	9	17%	43	83%	52
Harbor	37	56%	29	44%	66
Hyde Park	7	22%	25	78%	32
Park Street	24	33%	49	67%	73
Boston	77	35%	146	65%	223
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	73	30%	172	70%	245
Total	621	25%	1,846	75%	2,467

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

TABLE A10. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts¹

	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
Race	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
Black	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
Asian	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
Native American	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multi-Racial	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Other/Unknown	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
Hispanic Origin²														
Yes	15%	30%	34%	55%	27%	12%	28%	14%	5%	45%	15%	5%	84%	22%

NOTES: Order of cities in table is based on the total population of adults and children. The summation of relative percentages may not equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

¹Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

²Children of any race who are Hispanic.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder (factfinder2.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2010 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100% Data, Tables (P-12, P12A-H), Sex by Age